6th November 1845.

Stanley
Sullivan's Cottage

Sir,

In reply to your letter of yesterday, requesting me to inform you, whether Mr. Whitington or his servants hoisting a Union Jack upon his flag staff, when vessels are in sight — was a legal act or not? I have to inform you, that I am not aware of such a proceeding being illegal, Provided it be not intended to bring a vessel into danger, or intended unlawfully or maliciously to cause the immediate loss or destruction of any ship or vessel in distress. — in which case it would on conviction be a felony and liable to the punishment of death.

I am &c. &c.

His Excy.
Governor Moody
&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) W. H. Van Moore

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Stanley Falkland Islands Oct. 28th 1845.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform your Ex.y that I have this morning received from Mr. Longden two Books said to comprise the registers of the births, deaths and marriages which have occurred in this Colony from the time that Lieut Lowcay of the Royal Navy assumed the charge of the Islands to the present date.

I regret much to be obliged to call your Excellency's attention to the very incorrect manner in which they have been kept indeed they are in some respect totally useless as I much doubt whether extracts from them would be received as evidence in a court of law.

They are contained in two books one a regular parchment register adapted to the obsolete style of registering the other a mere waste book containing in addition to register a list of persons holding land in the Colony and other general information. This I have returned to Mr. Longden.

With respect to the former containing the entry of two marriages, seven Baptisms and twelve burials. I respectfully beg to state that the marriage entries are merely statements that the marriages have been solemnized between the parties, themselves, the officiating Minister or any witnesses. With respect to the Baptism entries, the first states, the sacrament to have been administered by Lieut Fyssen of the Royal Navy in the other cases the sacrament was administered by the Rev.d D. Carson, Chaplain of

His Ex.y

The Gov.r

of H. M. S. "Dasdyne" but these are not certified in the hand of Mr. Carson in fact as stated in the Register they are mere fair copies from the waste book of the burials, the first three are not signed at all the remainder are correct.

In the book which I have termed the waste book there are also several entries of births, five of Baptisms certified by Mr. Carson which have as above stated been re-entered or rather copied into the Register, also two marriages re-entered into the parchment register, the first is dated Sep.r 19th without any mention of the year in which the ceremony took place and signed by Lieut. Lodbay Naval Officer in charge of the Falkland Islands, the parties and witnesses: the second dated May 3rd 1844 signed in the hand of the Revd D. Carson. The parties and witnesses. but in neither case have the requirements of the late registration act been complied with as no mention is made of the parents names of the parties whether of under age, or whether they were married by banns, license or certificate. This is the more to be regretted as in one case there appears to be some doubt as to whether the man was married under his right name. There are also the other burials correctly entered with the exception that they are not signed in the hand writing of the person officiating

In order to obviate such irregularities for the future I have the honor

to /

to suggest for your Excy favourable considera-
tion whether it would not be expedient to
move the Right Honble the Secretary of State
for the Colonies to request the Registrar General
to supply for the use of the Colony the registers
and such other forms and instructions as are
required by act of Parliament.

I have &c &c

(Signed) James Leith Moody

Colonial Chaplain

Stanley. November 8th. 1845.

Sir,

I have the honor to state for your Exc.y information as Ordinary that at a Vestry held on Thursday the 6th. Inst.t at the Long Room in the New Barracks in pursuance of notice the undermentioned Gentlemen were nominated and elected Church wardens for the year ensuing terminating by the minister the Canon on the Monday next after Easter day day 1846.

Elected by the Parishioners

John Markham Dean } Merchant & Freeholder

Nominated by the Minister

James Phillips } Freeholder

I beg therefore respectfully to request that your Exc.y will be pleased to direct that the above mentioned Gentlemen may be sworn in or take the declaration substituted by the fifth and sixth of His late Majesty Chap.r 62. 3 & 6 W.m 4 c. 62.

I have &c. &c

(Signed) James Leith Moody
Gov.r

His Ex.y
The Gov.r

Stanley Falkland Islands
October 23rd. 1845.

Sir,

I have the honor to report my arrival in the British Schooner "Despatch" in accordance with the Instructions enclosed.

I received these instructions on the 16th. May 1845 while residing on leave at Leon in the Intendancy of Oaxaca in the Republic of Mexico immediately on their receipt I endeavoured to make arrangements for proceeding direct to the Falkland Islands in order to avoid the delay consequent on touching at Valparaiso, receiving every assistance both personally and by letters to his correspondents at Valparaiso from Mr. Gustace Baron H. B. M. Consul at San Blas but without success.

I then showed my instructions to Captain Charles Hope of H. B. M. S. "Thalia" to which I then belonged and from whom I have received every assistance and by his direction on the 15th. of June proceeded in H. B. M. S. "Thalia" to Valparaiso in the Republic of Chili continuing to draw pay and to do duty as a Naval Chaplain.

On my arrival at Valparaiso on the 6th. Augt. 1845 I applied to H. B. M. Consul and other persons connected with the Mercantile Marine to whom I had received an introduction from Mr. Baron for advice and assistance but was unable to procure a direct passage.

I therefore took advantage of H. B. M. S. "Thalia" sailing on the 16th. of August for Rio /

His Excy
The Govr.

Rio de Janeiro in the empire of the Brazil to proceed round in her to that Port, still, borne and paid as a Naval chaplain

I arrived at Rio de Janeiro on the 17th of September and there found an order from Captain Baillie Hamilton Secretary to the Admiralty requesting the Commander-in-chief or Senior officer at Rio to render me every assistance with this order Capt. Hope complied by offering me a passage to the River Plate in H. B. M. S. Racer: my reason for not availing myself of this offer, was that I did not clearly see how I was to get from Monte-Video to the Falkland Islands. I had also heard of an opportunity direct, and on making further enquiry found that there was a small British schooner of Fifty Nine Tons about to proceed on with a general Cargo to the Falkland Islands, the Master of which was willing to take me as a passenger, though he stated that he was unable to take my baggage, or offer me any other accommodation than that of sharing the small cabin, with three mates, a Carpenter and himself, the berths being occupated. I had to stow on a few bolts of Canvas which he was taking down as part cargo, with this offer, I thought it advisable to close and embarked, leaving my luggage to follow me, on the 20th of September after a tedious voyage of Thirty Four days arrived at Stanley Harbour East Falkland at 11 A. M. the Twenty Third of October.

J/

I have therefore respectfully to request that your Excellency will be pleased to inform me from what period I am to be considered as borne on the Colonial Establishment and what allowance for passage I am entitled to.

I have &c. &c.

Signed/ J.L. Moody

Colonial Chaplain

Sullivan's Cottage

12th November 1845.

Sir,

The enclosure in my letter of the 13th October last or a copy of it is the document I require to enclose to the Admiralty Will you be kind enough to let me have a copy of it at your earliest convenience

I am &c

J. R. Longden Esqre (Signed) W. H. Moore

Pte Secy

Sullivans Cottage
Stanley
12th. Novr. 1845.

Sir,

As you mentioned that His Exy. wished to be furnished with the draft General Commission of the Peace, as soon as I could prepare it, I have laid all other matters aside, and now enclose it for His Exs perusal.

I remain, &c
(Signed) W.H. Moore

J. R. Longden Esqre
Pte Secy.

Sullivan's Cottage

12th Novr 1845.

Sir,

The enclosure in my letter of 13th October last or a copy of it, is the document I require to enclose to the Admiral Will you be kind enough to let me have a copy of it at your earliest convenience

I am &c

(Signed) W. H. Moore

J. R. Longden Esqe
Pte Secy

For enclosure Vide Page 401

"Sullivans" Cottage

Stanley 13th November 1845.

Sir,

Enclosed I send you the Draft of my letter to Admiral Inglefield for your approbation and request you will be good enough to get Dr Hamblin to sign the certificate, and fill up the blank "fit or unfit" for the duty of the Naval Service, in the enclosed return, and also to direct Constable Watts to get the prisoner to sign it, in the proper place, and to sign it himself, when these are done if you will be so kind as to return the documents to me I shall enclose them for forwarding to Govt. Office —

I remain

&c &c.

(Signed) W. H. Moore

To His Ex.
Govr. Moody

For enclosure vide Page 422 -

Sullivans Cottage
Stanley
Falkland Islands
November no date 1845
S.H.S.

Sir,

I send you by the "Nereira" schooner whereof Charles Melville is Master, Edward Mc. Farlane, Able bodied seaman, by direction of His Excellency Governor Moody, he voluntarily surrendered himself to Head Constable Wm. Walls and has since been committed to Said here, as a deserter from H.M. Brigantine "Spy" Lieut. J. Otway Wooldridge Commander. The full particulars are stated in the enclosed description and return. I shall be obliged by your acknowledging the receipt of this communication stating that he has been delivered over to your command.

I have

Signed W. H. Moore J.P.

To

Rear Admiral
Samuel H. Inglefield. C.B.
Commander-in-Chief of the Brazil Squadron

Stanley

November 14th 1845.

Sir,

I have the honor to call your Excellency's attention to the following questions which have been raised in this Colony since my arrival.

1st Qust. Whether a woman who has been separated from her husband without hearing of, or from him during the space of seven years, can legally contract a second marriage with another party, and whether the children
2nd = of the second marriage would be legitimate? what would be the consequences of the first husband appearing and claiming his wife, and how would it affect the legitimacy of the children by the second marriage? - supposing such appearance to take place after the lapse of at least seven years? also
3rd = whether the Law in exonerating the parties from the penalties of felony, does away with the Ecclesiastical offence both with respect to the parties contracting and the officiating Minister.

I have the honor to request that your Exy will be pleased to take the opinion of H.M's Law adviser on these points for my guidance.

The importance of having this question satisfactorily decided is much increased from the fact of many of the residents on these Islands being natives of or settlers from the "Argentine Republic" where from early marriages, and fearfully loose notions of the sacredness of the marriage vows

the /

His Exy

The Govr

For answers to the above queries vide Mist letter to H.E. the Govr

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the husband and wife after a short cohabitation frequently separate by mutual consent.

I have &c &c

(Signed) James Leith Moody

Colonial Chaplain

Sullivan's Cottage "Stanley"

14th November 1845

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 10th Inst., relating to the Deserter from H. M. Brigantine "Spy" Edward M.c Farlane, being in the temporary Goal here, under my warrant and informing me, that the Vessel the "Reina", would sail from this on the 14th Inst., suggesting, that it would a good opportunity to remove him from the Colony, and that I should inform the Admiral on the Station, of the circumstances. I have to inform your Excellency of the receipt of a letter from Constable Walls, who has the present custody of the Prisoner, a copy of which I now enclose, from which Your Ex.y will perceive, that the wooden room where the prisoner is confined, is very insecure as a Goal, and that he could at any time, make his escape therefrom, under these circumstances, and to prevent the harsh measure of keeping the man in irons, to secure his safe custody, as he has already once broken out of this temporary Goal, awaiting the chance arrival of one of Her M.s Ships of War in this Harbour, it appears to me, highly desirable, that the prisoner should be forwarded to the Admiral, Commanding the squadron in the River Plate, and I accordingly adopted the suggestion contained in your Excellency's letter of the 10th Inst., as a command, to forward him by the "Reina", and sent Your Ex.y the draft of my letter to the Admiral to accompany him, for your Ex.y approval, as I humbly conceive.

I have the

His Ex.y

Gov.r Moody

&c. &c. &c.

suite very great deference, that your Ex^cy, is the proper authority, to give the order for his removal, and not, the committing Magistrate. In England, the Magistrate Commits a prisoner to Goal, and if he is to be removed to a distant locality, he is either passed on by the Police, or the Secretary of State for the Home Dep^t, usually sends a Warrant for the purpose, and I concluded that your Excellency as Governor here, acted in the latter capacity. I therefore adopted your Excellency's suggestion, of the present opportunity of sending him to the Admiral as amounting to a direction to do so - and that I should carry out your Ex^cys views, by swearing in the Master and Mate of the ships as Special constables, to take custody of the Prisoner, till delivered over by them to the Naval authorities in the River Plate. As the man has already broke loose on the town, and got drunk - I have directed the Constable to keep one of his legs in Irons, till he is placed on board the "Pereira" in charge of the Master & Mate.

I have &c &c

(signed) W. H. Moore

(Copy)

Stanley
November 8th 1845.

Sir,

On the 8th of October 1845 you directed me to secure and keep in safe custody the body of Edward Mc Farlane, I did so, and he is now in the temporary Jail.

I have to inform you that the Jail is extremely insecure, and the Prisoner can at any time make his escape therefrom, unless some further measures are taken, than merely locking him up. I beg therefore you will give me orders as to what I ought to do to ensure his safe custody.

I have &c &c

(Signed) Wm Watts Corpl &c
Vol Sts & Mtrs
Police Constable

W. H. Moore Esqre
Stipendiary Magistrate

Sullivan's Cottage
Stanley
18th. November 1845

Sir,

I have had the honor of receiving your Excellency's letter of yesterday, and shall immediately have the directions therein contained carried into execution. I have no copy of the Colonial Regulations, but I have been furnished by your Excellency's command, with an extract therefrom, relating to Colonial Officers and private individuals, making your Excellency the medium of communication with the Secretary of State, at any time, they may have occasion to address him. I shall take it as a favour, if your Ex^y will have the kindness to inform me, do the Colonial Regulations adopt the same rule with respect to any communications addressed to the Admiral on this Station.

I have &c. &c.

(Signed) W. H. Moore

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

H.M. Majesty's Ship "Vernon"
off Monte Video 15th Sept. 1845.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th July last informing me that you are appointed Governor and Commander in chief of the Falkland Islands and their Dependencies and not "Lieutenant Governor" as I had addressed you and also that you hold a Commission as "Vice Admiral".

I am &c.

(Signed) J. W. Inglefield

Rear Admiral &
Commander-in-Chief

To
His Excy
Governor Moody
&c &c &c
Falkland Islands

Her Majesty's Ship "Vernon"
off Monte Video 15th Sept. 1845

Sir,

In reply to your letter without date requiring certain Building Materials to be forwarded for the use of H. M. Govt. at the Falkland Islands, I have to inform you that the Senior Officer at Rio de Janeiro has directed the articles in question to be purchased and they will be forwarded to their destination by the first opportunity.

I am &c. &c.

(Signed) J. H. Inglefield
Rear Admiral &
Commander-in-Chief

His Excy
Govr Moody
&c. &c. &c.
Falkland Islands.

H. M. Ship "Vernon"

At Monte Monte Video 15th Sept.
1845.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th July last relative to the supplies of Provisions and Specie sent to the Falkland Islands by officers under my orders for the use of the Govt of those Islands, and in reply I have to inform you that I purpose directing Mr Tomlinson to comply as far as may be in his power with your wishes in respect to the provisions he may have occasion to forward to you, also informing him of the deficiency in the amount of the money forwarded to you by H. M. Sloop "Frolic"

I am &c. &c.

(Signed) J. H. Inglefield

Rear Adt & Comdr in Chief

His Exy
Govr Moody
&c. &c. &c.
Falkland Islands

Sullivans Cottage
Stanley
24th November 1845

Sir,

In reply to your Exy of the 31st Ulto I have to inform you, that the Coroners Jury on the 1st Inst brought in a verdict, that the deceased Carrnchita Penny, drowned herself in Stanley Harbour, while labouring under a fit of insanity, and that abundant testimonies of lunacy were collected from the witnesses examined on that occasion.

I have &c &c

(Signed) W. H. Moore

To
His Exy
The Govr

Sulivans Cottage Stanley

24th November 1845

Sir,

I beg leave to enclose the Instructions and the Draft Deed of Agreement with Mr. Sculley prepared therefrom, and should your Excellency finally approve of it, two copies will be necessary, one for your Excellency, and one for Mr. Sculley.

I have &c &c:

Signed W. H. Moore

To.

His Excy

Governor Moody

Sulivans Cottage

Stanley

24th Novr 1845

Sir,

Pursuant to the Instructions conveyed to me, in your Exys letter of the 17th Inst. I have caused to be delivered on board the Schooner "Renira", whereof Mr Charles Melville is Master, the body of Edward Mc Farlane seaman, lately confined in the temporary Jail of this Town, as a Deserter from Her Majesty's Brigantine "Spy", and have taken the necessary measures, to ensure his being delivered over, from the custody of the Civil Power to that of the Naval Authorities. I beg leave to enclose a copy of the Instructions given the master of the Schooner.

I have &c &c

(Signed) R. C. Moody?
W. H. MOORE.

Govr?

To His Exy

Govr Moody.

To Mr Charles Melville
Master of the Schooner "Reina"
Stanley

Falkland Islands 23rd Novr 1845

Sir,

You and your Mate Mr Charles Supple having this day been sworn in as Special Constables, by and before me, you and he will take the charge of the custody of the Body of the Prisoner, Edward Mc Farlane, lately confined in the temporary Jail of this Town, as a Deserter from Her Majesty's Brigantine Spy Lieut S. Otway Wooldridge Comr but now delivered over, to such Person or persons, as the Admiral Commanding Her Majesty's Squadron in the River Plate, Rear Admiral Samuel H. Inglefield C. B, on board H. M. S Eagle 50, Captain G. B. Martin C. B. or such Ships as the Admiral may be on board of in the said River Plate, shall direct, and at the same time deliver up the description and Return herewith given you

(Signed) William Henry Moore

Stipendiary Magistrate

Stanley 1845.

To His Excellency

Govr. Moody

Sir /

Now as the Despatch's business is all settled and all arranged and I hope all is right, and it appears that I offended your Excellency by not making the matters (i.e. known that the transfer was to take place and also the alteration in the ship's company for which offence I feel extremely sorry, but must confess was quite innocent of the matter.

Now I beg to solicit your Excellencys advice as to what I am to do and how to proceed in my present situation whether or not my former agreement that the people signed in Rio de Janeiro remains in full force, or whether I must get them sign new articles and if so whether your Excellency would oblige me with a form of the new existing act of Parliament of which I am not in possession of and also I beg to solicit your Excellency's further advice as to what steps I am to take in order to take the Brig "Maurcy" from this to Rio de Janeiro.

I am &c &c.

Signed / George Spurrelier

Brig Nancy
Stanley Dec^r 1^st 1845

Sir /

In reply to your Excellency's letter of this day's date requesting me to write you fully and explicitly on the position in which I am placed in, and the measures I am desirous of adopting which are as follows —

1^st As to the Brig being condemned as unseaworthy and of course no more entitled to the rights of a British bottom.

2^nd The measures I am desirous of adopting are simply these, in the first place to make her seaworthy and everything upon her and then take her to Rio de Janeiro and sell her to the best advantage in order to remunerate in the best possible manner the purchaser which is Mr. Charles Melville as she is of no value here and there she may pay him 50 or 100 per cent for his outlay as their Marasimo Laws are not so rigid as ours —

I am &c &c —

/Signed/ George Gruhelier

To
His Ex^y Gov^r Moody

Stanley Falkland Islands

December 1st 1845

Sir,

I have the honor to solicit that your Excellency will grant me leave of absence for a few days, to visit Anson, commencing tomorrow.

I have &c. &c.

(Signed)

J. B. Langdon

His Excellency

The Governor

Port William Dec. 1st 1845.

Sir,

I am desirous of proceeding to "Anson" to morrow for a few days if your Ex.y has no objection.

I have &c. &c.

(Signed) H. I. Hamblin

Colonial Surgeon

His Ex.y

The Gov.

Port William
Dec.r 1st. 1845

Sir,

I am desirous of proceeding to Busaco to morrow for a few days if your Excellency has no objection

I have &c.
(Signed) J. S. Moody
Colonial Chaplain

His Ex.y
The Gov.r

Sullivans Cottage
Stanley 3rd. Dec.r 1845

Sir,

The circumstance alluded to in your Excellency's letter of the 1st. Inst. relative to Mr. Sapple having returned on shore, had, in the usual course of business, been already communicated home, by one of the Constables, and I have sometime since adjudicated upon it, as in such cases usual.

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

To
His Excellency,
Governor Moody

"Brig "Manney"

Stanley Harbour

11th Dec.r 1845

Governor Moody.

Sir,

I beg to inform your Exy. that I have not the power of an Attorney to act as an agent for Captain Mebalde nor do I intend to act as such as I am only his servant for the time being.

I am &c

'Signed'

George Grurilen

Stanley Harbour August 4th. 1844

I James Young Master of the Brig Manuy together with John Ellis Mate, William Anderson Carpenter and Alex.r Grant 2nd. Mate, have examined the vessel as far as the waters edge and found several planks stove about the bows and that we are of a final opinion we shall be obliged to lighten the vessel in order to ascertain what farther damage she may have sustained.

(Signed, James Young Master)
" John Ellis Mate
" William X his mark Anderson Carp.r
" Alex.r Grant 2nd. Mate

Stanley Harbour Sep.r 4th. 1845

May it please your Excellency

To receive the report of the survey that I the Master, with J. Ellis Mate and Wm. Anderson Carpenter held on this vessel, and I humbly beg of you to render all the advice and assistance that you can.

I remain

Your's &c.

To his Ex.y (Signed) James Young

The Gov.r of the Falkland Islands

Brig Mauney Sepr. 2nd. 1844

Sir.

Having this day noted a protest and declaration of the state of my vessel, I beg of you to render me all the advice and assistance that you can afford, in order to call a survey on the amount of damages sustained and decide on what steps ought to be taken for the benefit of all parties concerned in the vessel or cargo.

Awaiting your decision.

I am &c.

(Signed, James Young

To His Excy
The Govr of the Falkd Islds

Brig Mauney Sepr. 11th. 1844

Sir,

As I think, and with your approbation that it will be better to refitten my vessel in this Port (Stanley Harbour) than proceed to Port Louis.

I have therefore engaged with Sculley to rent his house as a store for the reception of such fine goods as I may have occasion to discharge.

Port Louis would have been more convenient, but I wish to be near the seat of Govt in order to receive the advice that I probably may require.

I am &c.

(Signed) James Young

To His Excy
The Govr of the
Falkland Islands

Stanley Harbour Sept.r 12.th 44

Sir,

After having surveyed the landing place abreast of Sculley's I find that there will be much difficulty in making a jetty and landing my cargo.

I have therefore come to the determination of proceeding to Port Louis and discharging into the Bark and after to return and await the Surveyor on the arrival of the "Philomel."—

I am &.
(Signed) James Young

To His Ex.y
The Gov.r of the
Falkland Islands—

Sep.t 17.th 1844—

Sir,

Owing to the indisposition of the Capt.n I am quite at a loss how to proceed, and apply to your Excellency for your advice which I trust will enable us to proceed without further delay, humbly requesting an answer at your earliest convenience—

I am &.
(Signed) John Ellis

To His Excellency
R. C. Moody
Gov.r of the Falk.d Is.ds

Brig Mauney Sepr. 19th 184-

Sir,

I have just received your letter dated 19th Sepr. and am happy to inform you of the Captains speedy recovery, and trust he will be able to transact the Ships business and also conduct himself in a different manner to what he has done on the passage and also whilst lying at Port Jackson; if otherwise he does not, we his officers are determined not to proceed to sea with the vessel whilst under his command.

I am &c
(Signed) John Ellis—

R. C. Moody
Governor of the
Falkland Islands—

Port Stanley Sepr. 25th 1844-

Sir,

It was my intention of going to Port Louis, but learning from Mr Robertson that you dis-approved of it, I am willing to abide by your advice and remain here although I am afraid I shall not be able to discharge with dispatch, that I could in the other settlement neither is there the same convenience for holding my cargo here, that there is in Port Louis.

It is my wish to get under weigh to morrow morning and proceed to Port Louis provided your Excellency approves of it. Awaiting your answer.

I remain &c
His Ex. the Govr. (Signed) James Young

Brig Mauney 1st Oct. 1844

Sir,

I beg to state that in consequence of the line of conduct pursued by the Captain during the voyage up to the present time I consider myself called upon to adopt measures for the benefit of parties concerned on the vessel and cargo as well as to renovate discipline. I would have laid a petition before you at an earlier period had I not thought the Captains recent illness would have been a check upon his after conduct but as it has produced no salutary effects and considering ourselves unsafe while under his commands, I take the liberty of humbly petitioning your Excellency for counsel and advice under such circumstances and I beg your Excellency will summons the crew to prove that what I have stated is correct.

I remain &c &c

(Signed) John Ellis

To His Ex.y
Governor
Falkland Islands

Brig Mauney Oct. 4th 1844

Sir,

Owing to the friendly intimacy existing between Captain Young's Relations and my own, I feel it a delicate matter having to appear in public and give an evidence which would I am sorry to state be unfavourable. I cannot exculpate him from a fault in which he has indulged to great excess. I therefore trust you will excuse me not appearing.

I am &c.

(Signed) Anna Jack

Mr. Ba. Robinson Esqre.

Sir,

Having been informed by Mr. Ellis that it is the wish of H. E. the Governor that I should appear to morrow to give my evidence regarding Mr. Young's conduct, I take the liberty of begging you will request H. E. to excuse my not attending on that occasion, the friendly feeling that has subsisted between his family and mine for a period of many years prompts me to make this request, as I should indeed feel unhappy that any act of mine should tend to undermine that friendship or blight Mr. Young's future prospects. Perhaps you may not think I am justified on these grounds to prefer such a request in consideration of my own situation which I deem a most unfortunate one, and one, which has caused me many a pang of regret, still as the fiat cannot now be recalled, I shall

receive /

Mr. B. Robinson Esqre

waive all considerations of a selfish nature,
and in justice to Mr Young advert to his conduct
previous to this voyage which was in every res-
pect unimpeachable, indeed few young men
hold a higher character in their native place.
I myself have had leisure to mark his conduct,
and I consider he has many redeeming qualities,
he is kind to those under him, steady in his
dealings, and competent in his profession.
his only fault is drink to which I attribute
all his troubles, it has caused him to degrade
himself, and to become familiar with those
whose society he would otherwise have spurned,
I do indeed feel very sorry that one brought up
as he has been, should become the victim of
such an infatuation, and I anxiously hope
that H. E. the Govr will judge him leniently
as I do not foresee anything to prevent the af-
fair being amicably settled. did H. E. the Govr
think fit to remove every drop of spirits from
the ships and to prohibit any from coming
on board again, I have given you my candid
unbiassed opinion, and have only now to
apologize for this trespassing upon your
time, trusting you will forgive the liberty
I have taken in addressing you and that
H. E. the Govr may be inclined to grant
my request.

I am &c &c.
(Signed) Alice Jno McQueen

Stanley Harbour
Thursday Morning—

Big Mauney
October 18th 1844.

Sir,

I am sorry to inform you that the Captain has given over the Spirits to my charge; the enclosed is a copy of his Statement.

I am &c. &c.
(Signed) John Ellis.

To His Exy
Governor
Falkland Islands.

I James Young do this day promise before the undermentioned witnesses that from this time and date, that I will not taste or make use of any ardent spirits, but totally abstain from them, and I allow the undersigned to make use of any means they think proper to prevent it. In testimony whereof I James Young do put my hand and seal.

(Signed) James Young

Witnesses { John Ellis
Alexr Grant

Stanley Harbour

Oct. 22nd 1844

To His Excellency the Governor—

May it please your Excellency since I have lightened my Brig sufficiently forward to be able to see and survey that part of her, to request the attendance of Captain Sulivan, or any other competent persons, to morrow at any hour your Exy. may think proper to name; after the bows are surveyed and repaired I can put my cargo out of the after hold and stow it in the fore-hold—and thereby save much time and labour— waiting for your Excellency's decision—

I remain &c &c

(Signed) James Young

Stanley Harbour
Nov.r 6.th 1844.

Sir,

As vessel has been condemned I beg to know if you will give your approbation to paying off my crew as the voyage is now to be considered at an end.

There are on board one case of shoes, one case of cotton handkerchiefs & one bale of fine blue cloth (damaged) which I wish your Excellency would cause to be surveyed and decide in what manner they are to be disposed of.

I remain &c. &c.

(Signed) James Young

To
H. E. The Governor
of the Falklands.

Documents relating to Brig "Mauney"

Protest.

By this public Instrument of Protest and declaration be it known and made manifest unto all whom it may concern, that I James Young, Master of the good ship or vessel called the "Mauney" of Liverpool, of the burthen of one Hundred and Seventy six Tons admeasurement or thereabout, do Solemnly protest and declare, that on the twenty ninth of April last, I and the rest of the said Ship's Company, set sail therewith from Liverpool, she being then tight, staunch, strong, properly manned and equipped for sea, with a cargo of sundry goods, bound for Arica, Islay, and Lima; that on the Twelfth of July we experienced a heavy gale, in which we carried away our bulwarks, rails, and stanchions, from that period to the Twenty fourth we experienced a continuation of Gales, and on the following morning at four A. M. we came in contact with a field of Ice, but found there was no possibility of clearing it, we were compelled to force the vessel through it, we felt her strike several times very hard, but could not see what damage was done; from the Twenty fifth of July to the 5th of August we experienced a continual gale during which time the vessel strained very much the pumps constantly at work the vessel making two feet eight inches of water per hour; but what further damage the ship may have sustained I the said James Young, cannot now say, but enter this protest to serve and avail as occasion may require. Whereupon I, the said James

Young enter this protest to the end that all such loss or damage as the said ship, her tackle, furniture, or cargo hath or have suffered by the happenings aforesaid; and all costs, charges, and expenses, attending the same may be borne and paid by those who of right ought so to do, as being occasioned by the reasons aforesaid and not by and through any insufficiency or neglect of the said Ship, her tackle, furniture, or crew.

In testimony whereof I, the said Master, do put my hand and Seal to this Instrument, to serve and avail me and all concerned as occasion may require.

(Signed) James Young

(Signed)

M. B. Robinson
John Ellis, Mate,
William Anderson his + mark

} Witnesses to Signature

Declared before me this second day of September in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred and Forty Four —

(Signed) R. C. Moody

Governor

Government House

Falkland Islands

Sullivan's Cottage
Stanley
15th. Dec.r 1845

Sir,

In reply to your Excellency's letter of the 13th. Inst.t, I have to inform you, that I am not aware of any grounds, on which your Excellency can legally detain the Brig "Mauney" from going to sea.

I have &c. &c.

(Signed,) Wm. Heard Moore

To
His Excellency
Governor Moody

&c. &c. &c.

We the undersigned James Colquhoun and Luke Troggott both Shipwrights belonging to the Brig "Mauney" that was condemned at this Port. do Hereby certify and declare that we have repaired the said Brig and made her seaworthy and that she is in our opinion as Capable of Conveying as many of H. M.s Subjects as shall or may go from this to Rio de Janeiro as any other vessel afloat

Given under our Hands at Stanley this 15th. day of Decr. 1845.

(Signed) James Colquhoun

Luke Troggatt.

We certify that we have this day held a Survey on the Brig "Mauney" and have duly examined the Repairs and caulking and are of opinion as far as we are able to judge that she is safe. Seaworthy and capable of proceeding from this Port to that of Rio de Janeiro in Ballast

Stanley Dated 15th. Decr. 1845

(Signed) J. C. Kelway Shipwright

James Phillips { late mate of the Brig "Mary Gray"

Stanley Nov.r 19.th 1846.

His Excellency
Gov.r Moody.

I do hereby declare that I am authorized by Mr. Ross at Rio Janeiro who is the Agent for Mr. Oliver the sole owner of the Schooner "Despatch" at Devonport to transfer the Register from my name to that of Thomas Walker Bawbyes and that he is to become the master instead of me from this date and that he himself was present when I was authorized to do so.

(Signed) Geo.e Gruzelier

(Signed) Thos. Walker Bawbyes Witness

Sullivans Cottage
Stanley 26th Dec. 1845.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose copy questions and my replies thereto, relating to the enclosure from the Colonial Chaplaincy in your Excellency's letter of the 13th Inst. contained.

I have &c. &c.

Signed Wm. Hend. Moore
Lieut. Magistrate

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

Answers and observations relative to the Revd J. S. Moody's letter. For letter and Questions vide Page 423.

1st. I am of opinion, taking it for granted, that the first marriage was legal and valid, no second marriage, (except in case of a legal divorce) can be considered so during the life time of the Parties to said first marriage. and consequently the issues of such second marriage, had under the foregoing circumstances would be illegitimate.

2nd. In my opinion it would invalidate the second marriage, and consequently render the issue thereof illegitimate.

3rd. In my judgment it would exonerate them.

Observation

With respect to Roman Catholic Aliens, they not acknowledging the marriage Ceremony of the Established Church do not in my opinion come under the English Law in this respect, as the laws of their country do not acknowledge a marriage as Valid under the Localities of this Colony.

Two Roman Catholic Aliens married here by a minister of, and according to the Rites of the Established Church, would, in my humble judgt not consider their marriage binding on their arrival in Monte Video.

(Signed) W. H Moore
Stipendiary Magistrate

Treasury Chambers
8th August 1845

Sir,

I am commanded by the Lords Comrs of H.M. Treasury to acquaint you that their Lordships have given directions for the transmission on board the freight Ship "Nautilus" of Specie for the Service of Your Govt, in Dollars as specified in the enclosed Invoice; and with which you will charge yourself in your accts at the rate of 4/5½ sterling per Dollar.

I am &c.
(Signed) G.R. Brande
Pro. Secy.

To
The Govr of the Falkland Islds

Invoice of two boxes containing Eight Thousand three Hundred and twelve Ounces of South American Dollars shipped by order of the Lords Commissioners of H.M. Treasury on board the "Nautilus" Transport consigned to Captn R. C. Moody Govr at Port William, in aid of the Public Service at the Falkland Islands.

Marks & Nos of Boxes	Contents of each Box
V.R. 1	4000 Ounces of Dollars
2	4312 ——"—— —— ——
	Treasury Chambers

8th Augt 1845. (Signed) G.R. Brande
Pro Secy

Treasury Chambers
8th August 1845

Sir,

I am commanded by the Lords Comrs of H.M. Treasury to transmit to you an Invoice and Bill of lading of two boxes containing 8312 Ounces South American Dollars shipped on board the "Nautilus" Transport, consigned to you in aid of the Public Service in the Falkland Islands -

I am &c. &c.

(Signed) G. M. Brande
Sec.

The Govr of
Port William Falkland Islands -

Shipped by the Grace of God by C. E. Trevelyan Esquire in good order and well conditioned in and upon the good Transport-Ship called the "Nautilus" whereof is Agent for this present voyage Lieut W. C. Saunders. R. N. and now riding at anchor in the River Thames and bound for Port William, Falkland Islands, two Boxes containing Eight Thousand, three hundred and twelve ounces of South American Dollars, 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 Port William / all and every the dangers and accidents of the Seas and of Navigation of whatever nature and kind soever excepted / unto Capt.n Moody the Governor of the Falkland Islands

↑
V. R

Boxes. Nos 1 to 2

In Witness whereof the Agent for Transport on board of the said Ship hath affirmed to four bills of lading, all of this tenor and date, the one of which bills being accomplished the other three to stand void.—

Signed W. C. Saunders R. N.
Agent for Transport

Dated at Deptford
August 1845.

The Government of the Falkland Islands in account with George Baillie Esq^r Agent Gen^l for Crown Colonies for the Half year ending the 30th June 1845

Dr.

Cr.

1845		£	s	d	1845		£	s	d
Jan^y 4	Received of Paymaster of Civil Services for defraying the expense incurred in the purchase of Certain Law Books.	24	1	2		Balance over paid the 31st Dec^r 1846	4	5	4
					Jan^y 28	Paid Mr Wildey's freight and Shipping expenses on 2 Iron chests, Hose Flower seeds and 1 box of Mathematical Instruments per "Hebe"	6	13	1
					June 30	Postage of letters 6 mos to 30 June	"	3	4
							11	1	9
						Balance in hand 30th June 1845	12	19	5
		£	24	1	2		£	24	1	2

No 5 Cannon Row
25th July 1845.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit to you a copy of my account with the Govt of the Falkland Islands for the Half year ended the 30th Ultimo.

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

His Excellency Gov^r Moody
&c. &c. &c.

Monte Video

Dec.r 10th 1845.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch dated the 18th Ultimo together with the Mail and the box of despatches to which it related which arrived here in the "Renira" schooner on the 8th Inst.

I will not fail to forward to England by the next packet the mail and the box of Despatches above mentioned.

I am &c. &c. &c.

(Signed,)

Adolphus Turner

His Ex.cy

Gov.r Moody

&c. &c. &c.

H. B. M.s Chargé d'affaires

Stanley January 10th 1846

Sir,

Having now settled with Messrs Melville and Scully for bringing my house down here, I think it right to remind your Excellency that it was my decided intention to remain at "Anson" as I stated to you on my arrival.

I came here by your wish and suggestion and with the understanding that if I brought the small house down first, the other with my furniture and family were to be brought free of expense to me.

I doubt not your Ex.y well remembers what your words were these, "If you will get Melville to bring your smaller house first, I will ask Capt.n Sulivan to bring down the one you live in, with your family, and I am sure if I ask him, he will do it."

Three or four days before Capt.n Sulivan left, I asked him whether the subject had been mentioned to him, when he informed me it had not—

Your Excellency must have had some very important reason for not fulfilling your promise, but I cannot disguise from you, that I consider I have been hardly dealt with; having built my house at first on the faith of the Colonial Government, that the town was to remain where it was, and afterwards removed here with the expectation that it was to be brought free

To His Ex.y The Gov.r
Stanley—

free of cost to me, I trust your Ex^y will see that it is but an act of simple justice to make me some remuneration for the loss and expense I have sustained.

I beg to remain
Y. &.

(Signed) John Culey.

Nautilus Transport—

Stanley Harbour Falkland Islands.
10th January 1846. G.A.M.

Sir,

Having waited upon you Monday last the 5th Inst. and again Yesterday on account of the little assistance given to the Transport and the preference afforded in unloading the boats of the Merchant Brig "Hebe" to the injury of the Public Service. I have to state that the boat I applied for Yesterday (belonging to Govt.) which was taken from me last week was not used the whole of the day afterwards and is not now wanted but the "Hebe". She remained unemployed most part of Monday and all Tuesday, although application was made for her from this Ship.

I beg leave to request that your Ex^y will be pleased to direct that every possible assistance be given to facilitate the unloading of the Transport, as any delay is a great expense to Her Maj^y Govt.

I have &c. &c.

(Signed) Wm Saunders Lt. R.N.

Agent for Transports.

His Excellency

Governor Moody
&c. &c. &c.

Govt Office Stanley

January 10th 1846.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Exy letter of this days date enclosing a letter from Lieutenant Saunders R. N. Agent for Transport, to your Exy respecting the assistance afforded by the Govt in landing stores from the Transport "Nautilus" and have the honor to submit the following remarks thereon.

Lieut Saunders in his letter complains of preference having been given in unloading the boats of the Merchant Brig "Rebe" With respect to this I have the honor to state that no preference was given to either ship, except in cases where Govt Stores of great value, and which would have been completely spoiled by wet, were brought alongside the jetty in the "Rebe's" boats. With respect to the injury to the public service arising from the preference given on this occasion I would venture respectfully to remark that had not the "Rebe's" boats been immediately employed Govt stores to the value of upwards of £600 would have been destroyed thereby causing a much greater loss to Govt than that occasioned by detaining a boat load of timber or other articles, which would not spoil by wet, about half an hour.

His Exy
The Govr

With

With respect to the boat referred to in Lieutenant Saunders' letter I have the honor to inform your Ex.y that she was lent to the Merchant Brig "Helen" for the purpose of landing Govt. Stores and moreover was not adapted for the purposes for which she was required by the Barque namely, to land Coals, Salt, heavy hogsheads and tierces.

With regard to the concluding paragraph of Lieut. Saunders' letter in which he requests "your Ex.y will be pleased to direct that every possible assistance be given to facilitate the unloading of the Transport" I would respectfully draw your Ex.y's attention to the circumstance that the hired Transport "Nautilus" has received more assistance in unloading her Stores than has hitherto been afforded by the Colonial Govt. to any vessel whether merchant or otherwise.

I much regret that I am unable to suggest to your Ex.y any plan by which greater facilities would be given in unloading the Transport.

I have &c.

(Signed) J. R. Longden
A.C. to the Govr. &
Acting Storekeeper

~~Govt House~~

Nautilus Transport
Stanley Harbour 11th January 1846.

Sir.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's letter of to days date and the copy of Mr Langdon's, and I much regret that I am under the necessity of replying to it. I beg leave most decidedly to state that Mr Langdon's letter is incorrect.

On Monday the 5th Inst. at 7 A. M. a boat from the Transport was on shore loaded with salt. No boat came from the "Hebe" until half an hour afterwards, which was immediately unloaded, and after breakfast another boat came, and was also unloaded without any attempt to clear the Transport Boat, nor was it done until I landed myself and reported the circumstance personally to your Excellency. Again on Friday the 9th Inst. the boat of the Transport left about ½ before 11 o'Clock A. M. / landed with salt, shortly afterwards two boats from the "Hebe" came on shore loaded with Planks / as they were in the former case / one of them was immediately cleared, and the second commenced, and seeing no likelihood of the Transports boat being touched, I had the people sent from the ships and unloaded her.

These two cases I witnessed myself & are noted /

I have &c
The Govr

noted, and can be confirmed by the Master and Officers of the Transport, both times Mr Longden was not present. Other cases did occur and I have no doubt might have been when the valuable property mentioned by Mr Longden was being landed and he was present.

With respect to the boat being wanted to land Coals &c. as is stated by Mr Longden, must only be an assumption on his part, for she was required to land Planks. My wish to see your Excellency was for the benefit of Her Majesty's Service, and to avoid long, and unnecessary correspondence.

I have &c &c.

(Signed) Wm C. Saunders Lt. R.N.

Agent for Transports.

Monte Video 16th September
1845.

Mr. Turner presents his compliments to Governor Moody and requests that he will do him the goodness to cause the Mail Bags, in which the correspondence for the Falkland Islands is usually transmitted, to be returned to the British Consulate General, at Monte Video.

Stanley November 25th 1845

Sir,

We have the honor to report to your Excellency that we have examined the Stores, cooking implements &c. pointed out to us, and have found them to be totally unserviceable

We have &c. &c.

(Signed, H. J. Hamblin
Colonial Surgeon
" J. H. Slaughter
Clerk to Colonial Government
" Robt. Hearnden
Serjt. Rl Sapprs & Miners

His Exy
The Govr.

Nautilus Transport

Port Stanley 10th Jan.y 1846

Sir /

In reply to your note of to day I beg to say that the boat is only half loaded and that she left this ship at 4 o'clock P.M. yesterday but owing to its coming on to blow was unable to get to the wharf and she grounded on a muscle bank. A line was run to the shore by which she might have been hauled off on the flowing of the tide. It was reported by the Chief mate to the man in charge of the boats and he was requested to see to her, but seeing this morning on the Beach being turned up that no notice was taken of her and she being afloat she was sent to from this ship, but she had again taken ground on the Beach before they got to her.

I have &c.

(Signed) W. C. Saunders

Lt. R.N.

W. Longden Esq.re

Agent for Transports

&c. &c.

Government House Stanley
January 6th 1846.

Sir,

I am happy to be able to inform your Excellency that I have been successful in finding a person well qualified to teach the children of this Colony thirteen in number.

As for some years the Govt. of this Colony must almost entirely be one of moral influence. I think your Excellency will agree with me in the extreme necessity of educating the rising generation in order that having been taught in their infancy to fear God and honor the Queen when they grow up they may become good christians and loyal subjects.

The chief and indeed the only obstacle to the carrying out of my plan for the education of the children of the Colony is want of adequate means to remunerate the schoolmaster. a young man of excellent character who has been for some time employed in forming the new Roads. I would therefore most respectfully suggest that some pecuniary aid be granted by Government even twenty Pounds a year would be a great assistance although I think his pay including what he will receive from the Parents of the children should be at least twenty shillings a week.

I must in justice to the young man state that he has entered on his duties leaving the question of his allowance entirely to me although of course I cannot expect him

to

H. E.
The Governor

begin to continue should he find that he is earning less than he did when employed on the Govt. works—

I have &c.

(Signed) James Smith Moody

Governor

Monte Video 9th Dec. 1845

Sir,

The pressing calls on my whole time and attention will allow me to do little more by the present opportunity / of the "Nautilus Transport," than to acknowledge receipt of your Despatches of the 20th & 21st Oct., and to announce to you the departure from hence of about a dozen Emigrants by the Nautilus. There would have been many more but from the extreme reluctance of most settlers to proceed to the Colony of the Falklands, owing to reports, probably very incorrect, of severity of climate and obnoxious regulations; particularly certain difficulties respecting the purchase or leasing of land, &c &c. We might possibly send a great many more to the Falklands by giving the alternative of going, or not receiving assistance here; but from the tenor of your Despatches, it would not appear desirable.

To remove the erroneous impressions, which, it appears prevail in the Colony it will be sufficient at present to explain that so far from Settlers with such capital and aids as you suppose being ready to go to the Falklands, those who are willing to be sent thither are driven to it by stern necessity. Refugees from B. Ayres who dare not consider their lives in safety, obliged even to leave their household furniture and Tools, they still might be, in a Colony differently circumstanced / such as Canada, the Cape &c / very useful by their manual labour; and it certainly seems that the Colony must suffer under some peculiar disadvantages

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if such Emigrants are not desirable. As to supporting the Settlers after their arrival at the Colony, it would be less costly to do so here, without incurring the expense of passage, &c.

I had previous to the receipt of your despatches directed the articles mentioned in the enclosed list, to be put on board the "Nautilus" to be consigned to you, as Gov.r of the Falklands, for the use of the Emigrants from hence. The salt, I concluded must be useful for curing Beef, Pork &c. for the purpose of sending it hither, but you do not inform me whether such Return Cargo is to be looked for. I did not intend to ask in my former despatch whether you could ensure a return Cargo, but whether any Cargo was to be expected, and of what Nature; which it would be necessary to know, if an advantageous intercourse is to be commenced between the Rio Plata and the Falklands.

On the whole however, your communications are such as not to encourage Emigration but rather to detek sending any distressed British subjects to the Falklands. The advantages in ordinary times to settlers, are, from the account given in your Despatches, ten fold in favour of their coming hither rather than going there, and I have decided therefore on sending a considerable number to the Cape of Good Hope and Algoa Bay, where they are most pressingly demanded

and/

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and will readily find means of support-
-ing themselves and enriching the Colony.
They consist of Artificers of different sorts,
and many with families. Indeed applications
to go to the Cape are in the proportion of 100
to 1. for a passage to the Falklands. With
respect to Guacho Settlers, I cannot but look
upon them as the very worst sort of Settlers for
any Colony, and especially for one so totally different
from the immense extent of plains to
which they are accustomed, as that over
which you preside.

As regards sending Tools and many
other of the articles mentioned it would
save Govt at least 100 per Cent to send
them direct from England, and the Cof-
-fee Sugar &c would be considerably
cheaper if sent at once from Rio de Janeiro.

In short, until greater inducements
are given to Colonists to go to the Falklands,
they will naturally prefer the Cape of Good
Hope or Guiana; and when peace is
restored the States of Rio de la Plata
will be infinitely more attractive than
either.

I have &c &c

(Signed) W. G. Ouseley

Articles shipped on board of the "Vautour" Transport, by order of Mr Ouseley H. B. M.s Min.r and consigned to the Governor of the Falkland Islands

160 Fanegas Salt — about 20 Tons —

1010 Feet Scantling

2 - Cwt. Nails

25,000 Feet Plank. —

Monte Video 11th Oct.r 1845.

(Signed) W. G. O.

I shall request the Commander to give a proper Bill of lading, a late pampero prevented communication for a day or two or it would have done

(Signed) W. G. O.

Confidential

Monte Video, 11th Dec. 1845.

Sir,

The "Nautilus" having been detained by the bad weather, I beg to add with reference to your Despatch on the military position of the Falklands, that so far from our being able to afford any protection to others, we are anxiously awaiting the arrival of Vessels and Troops, French & English, to enable us to continue with effect the military operations now in progress; nor is the war likely soon to be at an end. We have now here the 73rd as well as the 65th, but the Army under Rosas' General is upwards of 20,000 men.

It is not at all improbable that attempts may be made by Privateers in the service of General Rosas to surprise the Colonial Establishment of the Falklands. Already several small Vessels have been captured in these Rivers by armed Launches and small Privateers, generally manned by N. American and English deserters. And I should recommend the strictest vigilance, and an urgent application to H.M. Govt. for sufficient protection. At present the defenceless state of the Colony will other motives, deter Settlers from going thither, especially those who have witnessed the savage hostilities of those in the pay of General Rosas; nor could I recommend that women and Children should be forwarded under present

H.E.
The Govr. of the Falkd. Islands—

-sent circumstances of the Colony, ex-
-posed as it is, to utter destruction at
any moment.—

Admiral Inglefield with whom
I have consulted on the subject of your
communications, although admitting
the probable danger of an attack such
as you apprehend, has not the possibility
of detaching at this moment a single
vessel from the inadequacy of, from the
immense extent of Coast now block-
-aded & the active operations carried
on, of the force at present under his
command.—

I have &c &c—

(Signed) W. G. Ousley

Postscript.

I enclose Copy of a Bulletin pub-
-lished here of a late very gallant action
by the combined Squadron in the Parana
against 3 to 4000 of Rosas Troops,
Entrenched & defended by Batteries

(Signed) W. G. O.—

H. M. Ship "Vernon" off Montevideo
11th December 1845.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's Four letters of the 20th October, and the 15th, 17th, and 22nd of November last, by the schooner "Reina".

With respect to the application made in your first mentioned letter for a Detachment of Royal Marines to guard the Falkland Islands from a surprise, as I concur with you in opinion that it is not probable you will be called upon to repel any open attack from the Argentine Republic in its present position, and, as the force at present in the Plate is very inadequate to the extensive operations we have undertaken, I am unable to comply with your request, more especially as operations of a Military character are in contemplation, which would require every man of the force at my disposal to carry them out effectually.

The Duplicate of your letter of the 15th Ult. addressed to the Senior Officer at Rio de Janeiro will this day be forwarded by the "Reina" to that Officer as well as your letter to Mr Tomkinson of the 22nd Ult. and I have no doubt but that they will be duly attended to.

The Deserter from the "Spy" has been received on board my flagship.

I am Sir, &c.
(Signed) S. H. Inglefield
Rear Admiral and
Commander-in-Chief.

His Excy
Governor Moody &c. &c. &c.
Falkland Islands.

Entered by mistake twice.

Govt House Stanley
January 6th 1846

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some although of course I cannot expect him to continue should he find that he is earning less than he did when employed on the Govt Works

I have &c. &c.

(Signed)

J. E. Moody
Colonial Chaplain

Government Office Stanley

January 19th 1846

Sir,

I have the honor respectfully to solicit that your Excellency will permit me to absent myself from the duties of the office tomorrow the 20th Inst.

I have &c. &c.

(Signed) J. H. Slaughter
Clerk to Colonial Govt

His Excy

The Govr

Sullivans Cottage
Stanley
24th January 1846.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform your Ex.cy that one of the Constables named Francis Pary, has reported to me, that he picked up a Cap on the 23rd Inst., known to have belonged to a Colonist named George Burns, on the Western Shore of the Peninsula of Stanley harbour, and that he fears the Boat in which Burns was, has gone down with him and another Colonist named John Edmonds, Alias Nibbs, on Tuesday the 20th Inst., they having been last seen in said boat on the Evening of that day. As they have not since appeared, and being unable to obtain any further information of them, I sealed up their effects, and made the enclosed inventory of them, for the purpose of their being disposed of by Public Auction for the benefit of the next of kin

I have &c. &c.

Signed / W. H. Moore

Stipendiary Magistrate.

His Ex.cy
Governor Moody

Inventory of George Burns's effects taken at his late residence Philomel St. Stanley 23rd January 1846 by the Stipendiary Magistrate Mr. Moore

A Sea chest which the Magistrate sealed up (Contents unknown)

1 Double Barrelled Fowling Piece marked Rubans D'Acier with Carved Lions head and glass eyes on stock, plated butt, and trigger guard, no maker's name - Copper Powder flask - Bullet mould, small powder horn, 1 wad punch, these last in a canvas bag - 1 Piece of Copper, 1 plane with Blade in - 3 other Plane blades - 1 Percussion Gun Lock - 2 Gimblets, one of them without handle, 3 Augurs, 1 Axe head, 1 hammer, 1 Adze head, Pair of Iron Compasses, 2 Staples, 1 Turnscrew, 1 Shears, Piece of a Flint Gun Lock, 1 bit, 1 Iron Chisel, 1 small Rod of lead, 1 Piece of Copper Pipe, 1 Cloth cap, 1 Blue cloth Jacket, 1 Pair of Sheep boots, 1 Pair old Wellingtons, 1 Bradawl, 3 Pair of Flannel Drawers (new) 1 old Cloth Jacket, 1 Pair Moleskin Trousers, 6 Striped shirts - 2 Guernsey Frocks - Sacks, one of the Cattle Catchers (said one £1.. 6.. 0 which he owed Burns (now enclosed) Charles M. Supple admits a debt of £0. 10.. 0 due by him to Burns's estate -

Inventory /

Inventory of the effects of John Edmonds alias Nibbs—

1 Sea-chest
1 New Jacket
1 Thick Flannel Frock
2 Dungaree Trowsers
2 Striped Shirts
1 Small saw
1 Vest
1 Mallet
1 Piece of lead
1 Red Cap
1 Bag
1 Knife Steel
1 Paper of Needles
a lot of Mis. articles
1 Blanket
1 Bag

John Edmonds alias Nibbs is from Bristol, Father and Mother and 2 Sisters alive there.

George Burns Came either from Albany or Troy, he served his time in the State of New York.

Mr Ouseley presents his Compliments to the Govr of the Falkland Islands, and encloses the Bill of Lading of the Articles shipped per "Nautilus" which he has just received.—

Shipped in good order and well conditioned by John Greenway, by order of H. B. M. Minister Plenipotentiary in and upon the good Ship called the "Nautilus" whereof is Master for the present Voyage, and now riding at Anchor in the Bay of Monte Video and bound for Falkland Islands—

1545 Boards
56 Joice

Fifteen hundred and forty five boards
Sixty six Joice

160 fanegas, or about 20 Tons

One Hundred and Sixty fanegas of Salt

2 Barrels of Nails

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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, 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 Governor of the Falkland Islands— or to— assigns, freight for the said goods— 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, one of which Bills being accomplished the others to stand void—

Dated in Monte Video, 10th Decr. 1845

Twenty Five boards in dispute, if on board to be delivered

Weight unknown—

Thos Surflen

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