

against the other; I want to know  
if a Justice or two, can act upon  
his own responsibility <sup>of their</sup> legally; if so,  
in what way can he <sup>or they</sup> act; so as  
to preserve peace.

I am Sir  
Your obedient servant  
Henry Waldron

Port Howard, Jan'y 2<sup>nd</sup> 1843

To His Excellency Governor Ker,

Sir, Would your Excellency be  
kind enough to inform me who are  
Justices of the Peace <sup>in charge</sup> for the West Island  
under the New Commission; also  
what power we have; for instance,  
supposing men quarrel & fight &  
grossly molest each other <sup>and witnesses</sup>; so that  
peaceable persons ask a Justice  
to act effectually to put a stop to it;  
still, neither of the breakers of the law  
will lay sworn information there



Bill Cove  
February 19<sup>th</sup> 1889.

Sir  
I believe it always to be  
your Excellency's wish to know the  
ideas of the colonists on matters  
connected with the Falkland Islands.  
Upon this presumption I venture  
to write the following.

I hear that two unofficial members  
are to be appointed to the Legis-  
lative Council in the colony, &  
believe that Mr. J. Waldron and



Mr. & G. both are the two men  
who command the greatest confidence  
both in the sheep farming business  
& labouring interests

I have the honour to be  
Sir

Your Excellency

most obedient servant

Robert Blake.

<sup>u</sup>  
to His Excellency

Governor there

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Adelaide Station,  
Falkland Islands.

Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> 1883.

To His Excellency  
Governor. Her  
Ac. Ac. Ac.

My dear Sir.

Having just heard  
that two unofficial members  
are to be appointed to the  
Legislative Council in this  
Colony. I take the liberty of  
expressing my wish that Mr.  
F. L. Cobb may gain the  
vacant seat. Mr. Dean I  
believe <sup>to</sup>





...militar? editio. A.  
...militar? editio. A.

believe already has one -  
should such not be the  
case. I think Mr. James  
Walchon would best represent  
the wishes of the settlers  
at large. And I therefore  
should couple his name  
with Mr. Colli's for the two  
seats. feeling assured we  
could not have two more  
worthy representatives.

I trust by expressing  
my views to your Excellency  
I am not presuming. but  
I do so knowing how much  
you have the interest of  
this Colony at heart.

Believe me to be  
Your most Obedient Humble Servant

J. C. Holmsted



"Amethyst" at Monte Video

5<sup>th</sup> April 1883

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose the accompanying letter, which I have just received from the Admiralty, and as it will be impossible for me to spare a ship, to visit the Falklands again for several months, I venture to forward it to your Excellency, with the hope that you would kindly communicate with the Manager of the Falkland Islands Coy, or with Mess<sup>rs</sup> Deau & Co, concerning the matter in question.

His: Excellency  
Thomas Kerr.

Falkland Islands.

Either



Either Firm might write to me direct, if they should be prepared to take up the contract, and as there has already been some correspondence, on the subject, between the Director of Navy Contracts, and the Falkland Islands Coy. I would suggest that the offer be first made to them.

2 — I wish it however to be distinctly understood, that I cannot guarantee to take any annual quantity of coal at Stanley. The little Cruisers of course require it, but the "Amethyst" is such a good coal stower, and so economical, that I have now returned to Monte Video, after three months absence, with 54 tons in the Bunkers, and we obtain excellent coal at this Port for £2 a ton.

3. — Your Excellency and the Gentlemen at Port Stanley know what  
are



Are the chances of H.M. ships  
calling there, on their return from  
Australia or the Pacific, better than  
I do, but should a contract be  
arranged at Stanley, I should say  
homeward bound ships, would coal  
there in preference to Sandy Point.

4. — Having heard a report that  
the German Corvette "Moltke" paid  
only £2.10: per ton for coal at  
Stanley, and being informed, just  
before I sailed, by Captain Martini,  
of the French Corvette "Romaneche," that  
he was only paying the same, I would  
further venture to request whether there  
be any reason for Her Majesty's Ships  
being charged £3.

5. — Might I ask to be informed what  
the "Thetis" paid for hers.

6. — Hoping I am not giving your  
Excellency too much trouble, and  
requesting you will kindly return  
me the Admiralty letter, and  
Form of Coal Contract, at your

Convenience



Received of the  
Company of Merchants  
of the City of London

The Company of Merchants  
of the City of London  
has purchased to you your  
share of the Capital with  
reference to a contract in  
the East Indies.

It is not that by  
the most prudent course  
to me some hesitation about  
taking up the contract proposed  
by the Directors of the Company  
I should at once think to supply  
the Company with 500,000  
pounds. The Company has  
never from doubts about the  
proposed quantity of goods to be

Captain of the Ship  
Office  
to do  
H. J. Anstey.



when I hope by showing that  
 the amount has well been used  
 during the last two years to be  
 able to secure them upon that  
 point, and meanwhile until  
 I hear from them I shall sell  
 coal at the price I have named.

2. With reference to  
 the inquiry in paragraph 4 of your  
 letter, it is true that I supplied  
 coal to the French transport  
 Remouche of 20/ per ton. I may  
 add that I offered to supply the  
 Scudder at the same price. I am  
 of opinion that the advantages of  
 the place as a port of call for ships  
 on the Pacific and Australian  
 stations will never be sufficiently  
 known or appreciated until the  
 price of coal is more in conformity  
 with those ruling in other ports,  
 regard being had of course to the  
 higher freights from England to  
 which



which we have to submit.

1. While regard to the proposed contract being, I may say, to make a few remarks.

2. The proposed price of 5000 tons should be taken for the contract is terminated is reasonable, and has in fact, as a certain annual demand cannot be guaranteed the Director of Contracts has stated that there would be no complaints or objections made to the rate of the coal when taken. As the proposed contract is about in a sound light, with but few exceptions, and I apprehend that determination from experience need not be feared.

3. As the delivery of the coal for or from there is an insuperable objection in the case of any, at times, scarcity of labour in Port Stanley, of which you are doubtless aware. I believe that in the form of contract at these times delivery alongside is provided for, it has

always



always be ready to have for  
 the work to be taken by the ship  
 company and I could never  
 pretend to be able to deliver  
 with the local labor available  
 at a price that would be satisfactory  
 to any one.

The contract would  
 probably contain a stipulation  
 to the effect that the Company  
 should keep on hand not less than  
 a certain quantity annually for  
 the use of Her Majesty's vessels  
 of requisit and I understand  
 that this would probably be  
 five for the present at 200  
 tons. In reality, we should  
 always be able to supply more;  
 but we could not reasonably be  
 called upon to meet unexpected  
 demand.

In all other respects  
 the form of contract appears  
 to me



Yours to be satisfactory  
 I am very glad that I  
 have at present about 100 tons  
 of coal which I have had  
 of which I expect to be able to  
 supply, and that I have just  
 heard that another shipment of the  
 same coal is on the way.

I have the honor to be  
 your most devoted servant,  
 Robert  
 Manager



Commence.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Abraham Smith

Captain and  
Senior officer

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G. H. P. F. J.  
20<sup>th</sup> April 1883

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Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> of April instant forwarding a letter from the Admiralty having reference to a local contract for the supply of coals to H.M. Ships at the Falklands, and asking me to communicate with the manager of the Falkland Islands Company or with Messrs Deane & Co on the subject

2. I lost no time in submitting the matter - first to <sup>Mr Cobb</sup> the Manager of the Falkland Islands Company, and afterwards to the managing partner of the house of J. M. Deane & Sons.

3. Mr Cobb of the ~~Falkland Islands~~ Company has sent me a press copy of a letter which has already been sent to you. I am not aware of Mr Deane's views or intentions, but I am informed that he also has written to you.



4 The "Vetus" arrived here on the 16<sup>th</sup> April  
instant. Captain Curtis was instructed to  
proceed from this port to Montevideo where he  
intends to coal. He informs me that Mr Dean  
offered to supply coal to him at two pounds  
five shillings a ton.

£2.5/

~~5 Mr Stanburough who supplies of the house  
of Schroder & Co of Punta Arenas was here last  
week. and he informed me that the price of coal  
there was three pounds fifteen shillings a ton and  
that they could not supply it for less.~~

~~£3.15~~

~~6 I know of no reason why coal should  
not be imported here and sold at £2 a ton  
as in Montevideo~~

5 I return herewith the letter from the  
Admiralty letter and Form of Coal Contract  
I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient  
humble servant  
Byrd Mess  
Governor.





Montevideo.

December 7. 1883.

Sir,

I have the honour to state that I duly forwarded to the Earl of Derby the telegram contained in your Excellency's despatch of the 14<sup>th</sup> ultimo, announcing the death of your Colonial Secretary.

My telegram was despatched on the 19<sup>th</sup> ultimo.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your Excellency's most obedient  
and humble servant

Alfred Monro

His Excellency  
Governor Kerr

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H.M.S. "Cornus" at  
Port Stanley 1 December 1883

Sir,

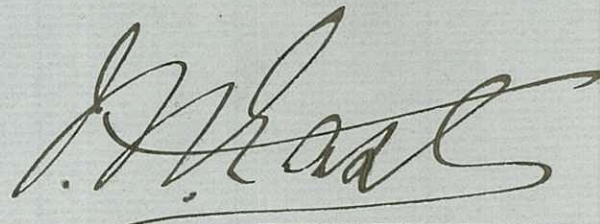
I beg to inform you that H.M. Ship under my  
Command will leave this port on or about the morning  
of the 4<sup>th</sup> inst. for Mount Video en route to England.  
I shall be happy to take any despatches or parcels for  
you to Mount Video or England and also any letters  
that the community here may wish to be taken to  
Mount Video where I hope to arrive on or about the 10<sup>th</sup>  
inst.; these should be on board the "Cornus" by 10 o'clock  
on Monday night.

I have the honor to be

<sup>Sir</sup>  
your obedient servant

To  
H.E. The Governor  
of the Falkland Islands

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Captain

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## Release of a Prisoner

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H. M. S. Rifleman  
Stanley 22 November 83

Your Excellency,

It having been represented to me that the man Jesse Ide now undergoing twenty one days' imprisonment with hard labour in the Colonial prison is under medical treatment for Sympathetic bubo and requires attendance which can be better rendered on board the vessel than in H. M. Prison I have the honor to request that the remainder of his punishment may be cancelled and

that you will be pleased to give the

His Excellency  
The Governor  
of the Falkland Islands

necessary



necessary directions for his release and  
that he may be given into the custody  
of the escort which will be sent for  
him this afternoon.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

P. W. Mayors, Commander



H. M. S. Rifleman  
 Stanley 28<sup>th</sup> November 1883

Your Excellency,

As it is necessary that I should proceed to sea for the practice and exercise of the crew, remaining away from this port from ten to fourteen days I have the honor to inform you that I propose in the first place to proceed to New Island, and during the cruise to visit Sealer's Cove Saunders's Island, and Fox Bay and perhaps

His Excellency other parts should it be convenient and  
 The Governor should  
 of the Falkland Islands



Should you see no objection.

Should your Excellency wish any particular port visited for any purpose

I request you will inform me with the view of your wishes being carried out. I propose to sail at 3 Am on Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

W. Mayo. Commander






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12 Nov. 83

Dear Sir,

Mr. Ashley directs  
me to send you the  
enclosed letter from  
the wife of the Medical  
Officer for the West  
Falklands. Dr. Anderson  
was informed before he

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left England. That he  
could make arrangements  
for the remittance of  
part of his salary to  
his wife on his  
arrival in the colony,  
and Mr. Arbery has  
sent a copy of that  
letter to Mr. Anderson,

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but he thinks it  
right to send you  
Mr. Anderson's letter  
in case his husband  
may have misunderstood  
the instructions

I am dear Sir,

Yours faithfully

Edw. Graham



44. High Street, Haupp, N. Y.

26.<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1883.



Sir

Before my husband  
Doctor Anderson left this  
country - on the second of  
May last - to fill the situation  
of Medical Officer for the  
West Falklands he was very  
anxious to make some arrange-  
-ment whereby I might get  
half of the salary allowed



him by the Colonial Government.

I do not know if he has done anything while in Stanley or whether he concluded that the enclosed would be all that would be necessary -

Since Doctor Anderson left I and my four children have been living with my parents and totally dependent upon them. -

Might I under these circumstances, venture to

ask whether you would kindly give me whatever sum you may be pleased to allow me.

I enclose the documents left by my husband.

Hoping you will forgive my troubling you.

I have the honor to be very respectfully yr<sup>s</sup>

E. Anderson

The Honble Evelyn Ashley Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Colonial Office,  
London.



Banff 27<sup>th</sup> April 1883.

As my Wife and four children are living with her parents in Banff, and dependent upon them, I shall be glad how soon the Colonial Authorities could allow her whatever portion of my Salary they may deem right. I shall feel very much obliged if they can comply with my requests and forgive my troubling them.

A. Anderson



Copy

Falklands <sup>69</sup>  
18<sup>th</sup> December 1883

My dear Mr Graham,

I have just received your letter of the 12<sup>th</sup> November and I will forward its enclosures to Dr Anderson by the first opportunity, so that he may arrange for a remittance to his wife by the next mail.

Believe me to be

My dear Mr Graham

Yours faithfully

J. D. Kerr



Forwarding Warrant for imprisonment  
of a Seaman.

H. M. S. Rifleman  
Stanley 6<sup>th</sup> November 1883

Your Excellency.

Having this day awarded the  
man named in the margin belonging to  
Her Majesty's Ship under my command  
the term of twentyone days imprisonment  
with hard labour under the Naval  
Discipline Act 1866, I have the  
honor to request it may be carried out  
in Her Majesty's Prison in Her Majesty's  
prison in this Colony -

His Excellency

The Governor  
of the Falkland Islands

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,

Your obedient servant

W. Mayors Commandant

Jesse Lade. Able Seaman



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H. M. Ship "Thetis" at  
Port Stanley, 16<sup>th</sup> April 83

Sir,

I have the honor to inform your Excellency that I have arrived here this day, acting under the orders of Rear Admiral A. M. L. Lyons, Commander in Chief on the Pacific Station, for the purpose of taking to England, from this place, 2 convicts, now under sentence of penal servitude.

As some defects to the screw require to be made good, which will detain us here about

To  
His Excellency  
The Governor  
of the Falkland Islands, &c,

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3 days, it will not be convenient  
to receive the convicts on board  
until just before sailing.

I have the honor to be,

Your Excellency's

obedient servant,

*M. J. M.*  
Captain



H. M. Ship "Thetis" at  
Port Stanley, 20<sup>th</sup> April 83

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge  
Your Excellency's letter of the 16<sup>th</sup>  
inst. informing me that the two  
prisoners are ready for embarkation.

I shall be ready to receive them  
at 8 o'clock to-morrow morning, at  
which time a boat will await  
them at the Dockyard.

I have the honor to be,  
Your Excellency's  
obedient servant

W. M. S.  
Captain

His Excellency  
The Governor  
of Falkland Islands



Copy sent to Cobb

4<sup>th</sup> June 1883.

"Amethyst" at Colonia  
9<sup>th</sup> May 1883.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21<sup>st</sup> April: 83 returning the Contract for Coal, proposed by the Director of Navy Contracts for Port Stanley, and I beg to thank your Excellency for your assistance.

I understand "free on board" to mean free alongside.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant

M. Bowden Smith

His Excellency  
Thomas Kerr  
Governor  
Falkland Islands.

{ Captain and  
Senior Officers



Return of Cattle in Stanley  
Stanley 15<sup>th</sup> May 1883

Names	Horses	Foals	Bulls	Cows	Calves	Names	Horses	Foals	Bulls	Cows	Calves
Mr G Carey	1	"	"	1	"	Brought Forward	35	1	1	37	17
" J Steel	1	"	"	1	1	Mr D Vareilla	1	"	"	"	"
" A. Glassen	1	"	"	1	1	" F Brown	3	"	"	"	"
" J Peck	1	"	"	1	"	" F King	2	"	"	"	"
" Edward Gleadell	1	"	"	1	"	A Bailey Esq	2	"	"	"	"
" J Bean	2	"	"	4	2	Mr J. Felton	1	"	"	"	"
Dr J Hamilton	2	"	"	"	"	" G. Turner	2	"	"	"	"
Mr F Hardy Senr	1	"	"	3	2	" C. Cressard	2	"	"	"	"
" F Hardy Junr	1	"	"	"	"	" W. Martin	3	"	"	8	6
" G Short	2	"	"	6	4	Mrs G. Kelway	1	"	"	"	"
Mrs M Williams	1	"	"	"	"	Mr G. Pratt	2	"	"	1	1
Mr J Pimm	"	"	"	2	"	" J. Peck	1	"	"	2	"
" Jas Aldridge	2	"	"	2	2	" J. Campbell	1	"	"	"	"
" John Aldridge	1	"	"	"	"	Rev L. Brandon	2	"	"	"	"
" B. Aldridge	2	"	"	"	"	Mrs Lucan	1	"	"	"	"
" L. Betts	2	"	"	1	1						
" J. Ralison	"	"	"	1	"						
" W. Biggs Sr	1	"	"	"	"						
" E. Wilson	2	"	"	"	"						
" Wm. Hetherell	2	"	"	"	"						
" Wm. Biggs Sr	1	"	"	8	4						
" J. Williams	2	"	"	"	"						
" L. Sharp	2	1	1	5	"						
" A. Lennenger	2	"	"	"	"						
" B. Yates	1	"	"	"	"						
" E. Biggs	1	"	"	"	"						
	"	"	"	"	"						
Carried Forward	35	1	1	37	17		59	1	1	48	24

I have not made return  
of G. Lither's or A. Hurett's  
as I understood they were out  
of the settlement.

signed/ John Mc Peice Total 133 head  
Pasture 6411 acres  
248 to each head  
Chief Constable



"Amethyst" Rio Janeiro

20<sup>th</sup> August 1883

Sir,

I have the honor to inform  
you that I have this day  
succeeded Captain H. Bowdler  
Smith in command of the  
S. E. Coast of America Station.

I have the honor to be  
Sir,

Your obedient servant.

His Excellency  
Thomas Kerr  
Port Stanley

H. W. Pinard  
Captain and  
Senior Officer  
S. E. Coast Amer.



Industrial Branch.

Division A

PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED,

CHIEF OFFICE:—HOLBORN BARS, LONDON.

W. CAMPBELL,

SUPERINTENDENT.

NORFOLK TERRACE,

DUMFRIES, 24<sup>th</sup> Sep<sup>r</sup> 1885

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The Governor

Sir

A Jane Dickson from  
Linn died near Fort Stables sometime early  
in January last and was visited by the Rev<sup>d</sup>  
Mr. Braiden on her deathbed.

She was insured in above Company  
and ere the claim can be settled, an  
extract of death is required, and I leave  
you as the party to apply to for such.

A son of hers here only got information  
a few weeks ago of her death therefore  
the delay in sending for this. The sum  
assured is but a small one but he  
is willing to pay your charge if any  
by informing him how to meet same  
I enclose one of my envelopes for reply  
if you have not already sent it away  
through the Chaplain who I believe has  
been written to concerning it.



And I write this at request of Lou here  
The Claimant

Your attention at your earliest  
Convenience

will oblige

Yours faithfully  
Hampbell

The Governor

Government House

Port Stanley

Falkland Islands



Atms. "Amethyst" at  
Montevideo. 26<sup>th</sup> October 1883.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you, that I have detached Her Majesty's Ship "Rifleman" for service at the Falkland Islands in protecting the Seal Fisheries.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ I have directed Commander Mayow to communicate with you, on his arrival, which unfortunately has been delayed beyond October, through the holding of Courts Martial by Admiralty Order.

To  
His Excellency, I have the honor to be,  
Thomas Kerr,  
Governor, Sir,  
Falkland Islands.



Sir,  
your obedient servant.

H. W. Bunt.

{ Senior Captain.  
S. E. coast of America.



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To His Ex<sup>cy</sup> Govern<sup>r</sup> T. Kerr

Sir, Your Excellency,

I Hope you will excuse me in taking this liberty of addressing you. The reason why I do so is. I have a quantity of Money by me which I am desirous of laying out at interest, Providing I get respectable Security. The Sum I would deposit at present is £200 Two Hundred Pounds, So I take the liberty of asking you if Government keeps a Bank in Stanley, and if not. Would you kindly give me your advise as to the best way that us Shepherds could dispose of our Savings. For the Camp is an unsafe place for people to keep much Money in their houses. Besides it is not in accordance with Busnes or the ways of the world to hoard up Money, and that is the only way that the Men in the Camp can do with their Savings.

Wishing you will excuse my intrusiveness,

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your Excellency's most humble servant,

James Campbell

Walker Creek

via Warum Hat

Walker Creek 11<sup>th</sup> Jan 1884

To His Excellency Governor T. Kerr

Government House

Port Stanley





The Parsonage

Port Stanley

January 28. 1884

Sir

I beg to report for Your Excellency's  
information

That Miss Ellen Peigo wishes to resign her  
position as Assistant Teacher in Government School;  
ill health not allowing her to continue as such.

That I beg to recommend Miss Ethel Lerner  
as Assistant Teacher in Government School: to enter  
on her duties on Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>.

I have the honour to be

Your Excellency's

obedient servant

Lawrence E. Peardon

His Excellency

The Governor.





Registrar's Office  
Falkland Islands

Sir

I beg to enclose for the information of your Excellency the Return of the Number of Births, Marriages, and Deaths which took place in the Falkland Islands during the year 1883, together with a detailed account of the causes of death.

I have the Honour to be

Sir

your obedient servant-

Lawther E. Brandon

Acting Registrar General  
Falkland Islands

His Excellency  
The Governor





Number of Births, Marriages, and Deaths in the Falkland Islands for the year 1882

Births

Males	26
Females	36
	<hr/> 62

Marriages

4

Deaths

Males	15
Females	12
	<hr/> 27

1 Male	19 hrs	Inanition			
1 "	7 days	"			
2 "	28 yrs	Found Drowned	1 Female	79 yrs	Senile Decay
1 "	"	Accidentally Killed	1 "	4 "	Gastric Fever
1 "	7 1/2 "	"	1 "	35 "	Peritonitis
1 "	19 "	Meningitis	1 "	68 "	Cancer of Breast
1 "	2 "	Gastric Fever	1 "	1/2 "	Typhus Mesenterica
1 "	33 "	Bronchitis	1 "	33 "	Peritonitis
1 "	51 "	Asphyxia from Erysipelas	1 "	64 "	Apoplexy
1 "	63 "	Cirrhosis of Liver	1 "	46 "	Chronic Gastritis
1 "	61 "	Apoplexy	1 "	6 days	Debility
1 "	34 "	Gastritis	1 "	17 "	"
1 "	63 "	Fatty Degeneration of Heart	1 "	8 months	Influenza
1 "	26 "	Inflammation of Lungs	1 "	18 "	Leithum

Loe the E. Brander  
Acting Register General  
Falkland Islands



2<sup>nd</sup>  
- 5<sup>th</sup>

"Amethyst" at Monte Video

5<sup>th</sup> February 1884

Sir,

I regret very much I shall be unable to visit the Falkland Islands in H.M. Ship under my Command this season, especially as I hoped to have had the honor of consulting with you, whether and under what circumstances you could arrange for a Magazine to be built in the Islands under your Governorship to store a year's supply of munitions of war for H.M. Ships on S.E. Coast of America Station.

I intended asking

1<sup>st</sup> For a piece of ground placed  
His Excellency Clear  
Thomas: Kerr  
Governor  
Falkland Islands



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Clear of the Town and in such a  
part as not to be a temptation  
to an enemy's cruiser to destroy.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Whether there were means at  
the Islands for building a suitable  
Magazine.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Whether there were Builders or  
Contractors who would undertake the  
Work.

I have directed Commander  
Fullerton to speak to you on the  
subject and have the honor to  
request you will tell him what  
you think of the idea, and if  
feasible how you think it might  
best be carried out.

I hear some Gentlemen now  
in the Falklands have vessels they  
send to England yearly, and if  
they are willing, I propose the  
Stores should form a part of the  
Yearly Cargo, and have instructed  
Commander Fullerton to find  
out



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out if this can be done.

A Magazine at the Falklands  
would ensure An-ships out here  
using its Harbours more frequently  
than at present, for which reason  
allow me to leave this matter to  
your favorable consideration.

I have the honor to be  
Sir,

Your obedient Servant.

J. W. Brent.

Senior Captain  
of S. C. Coast America

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H. M. S. Rifleman  
Stanley 18 Feb<sup>y</sup> 1884

Your Excellency,

I have the honor to inform you  
that I in Her Majesty's ship under  
command have been ordered to proceed  
Montevideo, the "Algerine" having been  
sent by the Senior Officer to relieve me.

I propose to sail at 1 P.M. on the  
20<sup>th</sup> and shall <sup>gladly</sup> convey any mails  
that you may have for Montevideo.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,

His Excellency

The Governor  
of the Falkland Islands

Your obedient servant

P. Mayors. Commandant



Am. S. Rifelman  
 Stanley 17<sup>th</sup> February 1884

Your Excellency,

I have the honor to quote the following  
 paragraph from my sailing orders and  
 shall feel obliged if you will give me  
 for the information of Captain Brent  
 the Senior Officer Commanding the  
 Station by whom the sailing orders are  
 issued any information in your power  
 as to the clothing referred to -

"It appears some time back, in  
 Your Excellency  
 The Governor  
 of the Falkland Islands

1879



" 1879 the Lords Commissioners of the  
 " Admiralty made enquiries about  
 " Marine Clothing that had been in  
 " the charge of the Colonial Secretary  
 " a Mr Collins, now I am told a  
 " convict, and as I have not traced  
 " any answers to the questions, you  
 " will before leaving enquire if any  
 " Marine Clothing remains and if  
 " to bring it up to Montevideo for  
 " passage to England."

Should any of the above mentioned  
 clothing remain here I have the  
 honor to request that it may be  
 transferred to this ship before sailing

I have the honor to be,  
 Sir,

Your obedient servant

W Mayors Commandr



Answered  
E. V. B.

Requesting that a man may be  
confined in Gaol on shore. —

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H. M. S. "Algerine"

Stanley Harbour

18 February 1884.

Sir,

The man named

in the margin having been sentenced  
to 21 days Imprisonment with  
Hard Labour, I have the honor to  
request that you will be pleased  
to authorize his confinement in  
the Civil Gaol on shore.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant

Arthur Fullerton Commande

Governor

Falkland Islands.

Prisoner  
Royal Marine Military

Walter B.

His Excellency

Thomas Kerr Esq

Governor

Falkland Islands.



Government House  
22<sup>nd</sup> February 1884

My Dear Mr Blake

Your letter of the 31<sup>st</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> reached me by the Malvinds, and as she is to sail again for the West to-day I have an opportunity of replying to it.

There has been some misconception as to the position of Dr Anderson both by the Doctor himself and by the gentlemen on whose application he has been appointed

That application (in your handwriting) is now before me, It is signed by

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|------------------|---------------|
| J M Dean & Sons  | Port Stephens |
| Wm W Bertrand    | Roy Coule     |
| Baillon Bros     | Fox Bay       |
| James L Waldron  | Port Howard   |
| Packe Bros       | Fox Bay       |
| Holmsted & Blake | Shallow Bay.  |

They pledge themselves as follows. "That if the Government render help similar to that given to the Doctor on the Falkland Islands Company's freehold at Darwin, they the Falkland Islands Company being Lessees of a very small proportion of land, your Petitioners are prepared to guarantee a salary on the appointment by her



Her Majesty's Government of a Medical man to reside on the West-Island, a salary including House, meat, Fuel, Horses, and Forage, fully equal to that received by the gentleman holding the present appointment at Darwin"

The relations between Dr Heuston and the Falkland Islands Company are as follows.

The Company finds House Fuel meat Horses & Forage and pays Dr Heuston £100 a year.

Dr Heuston attends the employees of the Company at a certain fixed rate either of special Charges or of Annual subscriptions all of which he retains for himself. The Company receive nothing in return for their outlay.

The Company furnish medicines to be used for the benefit of their own people.

Dr Heuston has a separate practice amongst other settlers, Messrs Bonner Greenfields and others, with which the company have nothing to do, but Dr Heuston keeps his own medicines and horses for this outside practice.

Dr Anderson is precisely in the same position with regard to those persons in his district who did not join in the Guarantee under which he was appointed.

He



He is entitled to receive from the employees of the Guarantors - fees or annual subscriptions not exceeding the scale, of which a copy has been supplied to him.

With persons other than the Guarantors or their employees, he can make his own arrangements with regard to annual contracts or fees - but in all cases he retains for his own benefit whatever is paid to him.

Believe me to be

My dear Mr Blake  
always faithfully yours  
(signed)

T Kerr



H.M.S. "Amethyst."

Port Stanley.

6<sup>th</sup> March 1884.

Sir,

I have the honor to request permission to fire with great guns at any, or all of the Islands, or Rocks named below.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ From the chart they appear desirable from my point of view, which will be the best I cannot say, - but it might be fired at yearly, and it will be an advantage to Her Majesty's navy if you can

To His Excellency \_\_\_\_\_ give  
 Thomas Kerr,  
 Governor,  
 Port Stanley.



give me as large a choice as possible:

1. ——— Cochon Island, on the south side of Entrance to Berkeley Sound.
2. ——— White Island, off the north-west end of Pebble Island.
3. ——— Outer Island, north-northwest of Keppel Islet.
4. ——— Low Island, and Huddle's Rock, between Dunbar and Carcass Islands.
5. ——— Bluff Island, in Port North, south of Byron Heights,

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,

Your obedient servant.

H. W. Brent

Senior Captain.  
St. Coast America.



S.S. "Amethyst," at  
Port Stanley.  
7<sup>th</sup> March 1884.

Sir,

As you have informed me by letter of the 20<sup>th</sup> February, you see no difficulty in the construction of a magazine in these Islands for the storage of Naval Munitions of war, and have since that letter, pointed out to me what you consider a suitable site, I have now the honor to request some further information for which

To

His Excellency,

Thomas Kerr,

Governor.

Port Stanley.

I



I am obliged to come to your Excellency, as I cannot find anyone from whom it can be obtained:-

2. ——— First: To whom does the ground, you have pointed out as suitable, belong?

Second. How can I find out the rent, if any, that will have to be paid?

Third. To whom should I apply as to building a magazine so as to get some approximate idea of cost?

3. ——— I would also beg to ask, in the event of such a magazine being built, whether you would require a person or persons to be sent here to take charge of it, or if it would be sufficient



sufficient to have the keys  
kept for safe custody, but  
given up to Her Majesty's  
ships as requisite.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

H. W. Bunt

Senior Captain.  
St. Coast America.



Answered  
14/3/84

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H.M.S. "Amethyst" at  
Stanley.

14<sup>th</sup> March 1884.

Sir,

I have the honor to  
acknowledge the receipt of  
your letters, of 20<sup>th</sup> February,  
nos: 43 and 44 of 7<sup>th</sup> March, and  
no: 48 of 13 March, and beg to  
thank Your Excellency for the  
information you have given  
me as well as the permission  
for Her Majesty's navy to use  
the Shore Magazine, should it  
be required by the Lords  
Commissioners of the Admiralty,  
and also for allowing Her  
Majesty's ships to fire with

To  
His Excellency, great

Thomas Kerr,

Governor,  
Port Stanley.



great guns &c., at certain  
Rocks within these Islands.

2. ————— I am leaving for  
Montevideo as soon as the  
mail arrives, where I should  
arrive before the end of the  
month, and if there is  
anything requiring a passage,  
I am prepared to take it.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

H. W. Brent.

Senior Captain.  
St. Coast America.

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The Colonial Secretary to Mr<sup>195</sup> Cobb



Government Office

14<sup>th</sup> March 1884

No 50

Sir

In continuation of my letter No 46 of the 18<sup>th</sup> Instant I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to inform you that your application for permission to construct a new jetty in Stanley, was laid before the Executive Council to day, and it was agreed by the Council that the matter be submitted to the Secretary of State together with a copy of your letter

2 In accordance with your request His Excellency will also ask the Secretary of State to communicate his decision to your Company in London.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your obedient servant

signed) E Pakenham Brooks

Colonial Secretary

F. L. Cobb Esqre

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Her Majesty's Ship "Amethyst",  
 Port Stanley:  
 15<sup>th</sup> March 1884.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14<sup>th</sup> March 84 informing me the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies has suggested to you that, pending the appointment of a Government Surveyor, if any particular block of land purchased by colonists in these Islands, requires to be surveyed, an endeavour should be made to obtain

To His Excellency,

Thomas Kerr,

Governor.

Port Stanley.

the



the services of a navigating officer of one of Her Majesty's ships, and enquiring of me if the rules or exigencies of Her Majesty's naval service would admit of such an officer being made available for such surveys.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ I have the honor to point out to your Excellency:-

First — Her Majesty's ships have not generally the necessary Instruments on board for Land Surveying.

Second. — Naval Officers, whether navigating or other, are not taught or examined in Land Surveying.

Third — To undertake such work the Officer detailed must be absent from his ship inland, and unavailable

for



for any exigencies on the sea that might arise.

Fourth — Officers and men belonging to Her Majesty's navy, as a principle only go inland when the lives of subjects, or territory belonging to Her Majesty The Queen are in danger; their duty lays on the sea, and boasts only.

3. — Under these circumstances I have no officer capable or available for the purpose of surveying land in this colony.

4. — I would take this opportunity of pointing out to Your Excellency that, when the services of any naval officers are required, by asking for a

particular



particular officer, the request of officials and others is likely to fall through in more ways than one; perhaps there may be others better able to do what is required than the particular officer asked for, or the particular officer may be the one least capable of being spared, when others would do the work equally well; in cases of requiring the services of a naval officer, it would therefore be better to ask for an officer, and the senior naval officer present will know best who, if possible to send any, can be spared.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,

Your obedient servant.

H. W. Brent.

{ Senior Captain.  
{ St. Coast America.



H. M. S. Amenthaet,  
 Port Stanley,  
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His Excellency.

Thomas Barr.

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I have &c.

H. W. Brent.

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Answered

31/3/84. E.P.B

Respecting the departure of  
Her Ship "Algerine"

H. M. S. "Algerine"

Stanley, 31 March 1884.

Sir

The close season of  
the seal fishery having  
terminated, it is my intention  
to leave this Port to-morrow  
the 1<sup>st</sup> April at 11. A.M. and  
will probably arrive at  
Monte Video on 1<sup>st</sup> May next.

I shall be glad to  
convey any mails, Parcels & you  
may

is Excellency

Thomas Kerr

Governor

Falkland Islands



may desire to send.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your obedient Servant.

Thomas Bullington

Commander.



WAR OFFICE,

2 May 1884.

*Si*

I am directed by the Marquis of Hartington to transmit herewith  
for your information, a copy of the Army (Annual) Act, 1884.

I have the honour to be,

*Si*

Your obedient Servant,

RALPH THOMPSON.

*The Governor  
Falkland Isles.*



5. Pump Court, Temple  
London E.C.  
5<sup>th</sup> August 1884

Sir

We have the honour to enclose  
herewith copies of Resolutions  
which were passed at a Conference  
on Imperial Federation, held at  
the Westminster Palace Hotel on  
the 29<sup>th</sup> July in "The Right Hon<sup>ble</sup>"  
W. E. Forster M.P. in the Chair

We are Sir  
Your Obedient Servants  
J. P. Lublin  
A. D. Andrew Foster  
Honorary Secretaries

Y<sup>o</sup>

His Excellency  
The Governor  
of Auckland Islands



## IMPERIAL FEDERATION.



Minute submitted to and Resolutions unanimously passed at the Conference on Imperial Federation, held at the Westminster Palace Hotel on Tuesday, 29th July, 1884, the Right Hon. W. E. Forster, M.P., in the chair.



*Minute of the views of the Committee, submitted to the Conference on Imperial Federation on July 29th, 1884.*

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THE Committee would submit to the Conference :—

1. That in order to maintain the permanent unity of the Empire some extension of its political organisation will be indispensable, so that the large and rapidly increasing population of the portions of the Empire beyond the seas may have an adequate voice in the control of Foreign relations, defence, and all other common interests and concerns, and may take a fair share in sustaining Imperial responsibilities.

2. That the time has arrived when those who feel the need of some political organisation for this purpose should openly advocate such a policy.

3. That, whilst there should no longer be any hesitation on the part of the advocates of the unity of the Empire in pointing to Federation as the end they have ultimately in view, they should at present avoid embarrassing the question by attempting specifically to lay down the details of a Federal organisation for the Empire, neither should they prescribe the time within which the establishment of such a Federation should take place.

4. That, in order to attain the end in view, it is only necessary to bring home to the minds of the people of this country, and of the Colonies, the advantages of the permanent unity and ultimate Federation of the United Kingdom, Canada, Australasia, South Africa, and other British Colonies, as our great national aim in the future; the details being left to be adjusted by those authoritatively empowered to arrange them on behalf of this country and the Colonies, when the time shall arrive for the formation of such Federation.

5. That if the permanent unity of the Empire be kept clearly in view, and the nature of Federal Government be well considered, its adoption will not be difficult, even if the growth of the Colonies or the circumstances of the Empire should require it to be carried out sooner than may be anticipated.

6. The Committee recommend the formation of a Society for the special object of enlightening public opinion throughout the Empire, as to the advantages of permanent unity and as to the nature and different forms of Federal Government; so that the people of the Empire, both in these Isles and beyond the seas, may be the better able to decide as to the exact form of that Government which they may prefer whenever they shall feel that the time has arrived for its adoption.



*Resolutions unanimously passed at the Conference on Imperial Federation,  
held at the Westminster Palace Hotel,  
on Tuesday, 29th July, 1884.*

1. That in order to secure the permanent unity of the Empire, some form of Federation is essential.
2. That for the purpose of influencing public opinion, both in the United Kingdom and the Colonies, by showing the incalculable advantages which will accrue to the whole Empire from the adoption of such a system of organization, a society be formed of men of all parties, to advocate and support the principle of Federation.
3. That this Conference refers to a Provisional Committee all details connected with the establishment and organization of such a Society, for a report thereon to be submitted for the consideration and approval of an adjourned Conference, to be held at a suitable period in the coming Autumn.
4. That the Provisional Committee consist of the Right Hon. W. E. Forster, M.P., Chairman; Frederick Young, Esq., and Captain J. C. R. Colomb, Vice-chairmen; Francis P. Labilliere, Esq., Honorary Secretary; J. Dennistoun Wood, Esq., H. O. Arnold-Forster, Esq.,\* and Hon. Harold Finch-Hatton, Hon. Treasurers; Sir Daniel Cooper, Bart., W. J. Courthope, Esq., Alex. Staveley Hill, Esq., Q.C., M.P., and Sir Samuel Wilson, with power to add to their number; and that, pending further notice, all communications be addressed to F. P. Labilliere, Esq., 5, Pump Court, Temple, E.C.
5. That copies of these Resolutions be transmitted to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, the High Commissioner for Canada, and the Agents General for the Australasian and Cape Colonies, with a request that they will forward them to their respective Governments; and that copies be also sent to the Governors of Colonies not having Agents General.
6. That this Conference do now adjourn to a date to be hereafter named.

F. P. LABILLIERE, 5, Pump Court Temple;	}	<i>Hon. Secs.</i>
H. O. ARNOLD-FORSTER, 80, Eccleston Square, S.W.		

\* Subsequently to the Conference, the Committee resolved that Mr. H. O. Arnold-Forster be appointed joint Hon. Sec. with Mr. F. P. Labilliere, instead of continuing one of the Hon. Treasurers.