

## Executive Council.

Monday. 9<sup>th</sup> January 1882.

Present H. R. Governor Kerr.

The Honble Arthur Bailey Esq

" " Dr. S. Hamilton.

There having been no meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January the Council met pursuant to summons.

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 31<sup>st</sup> December 1881 were read and confirmed.

The Governor said that he had called the Council together for the purpose of placing on record the important disclosures which had taken place since the interdiction of Mr. Collins on the 31<sup>st</sup> ult:

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> January just the following charges were communicated to Mr. Collins with the grounds on which they rest.

Charge! Gross neglect in his office as Treasurer by not keeping his accounts regularly, by making entries in the book of Account at variance with the vouchers, and by omitting in several cases to make entries of money received, and paid particularly in the following cases.

A On the 11<sup>th</sup> April 1881 making an entry £3.6.0 for Fees, Fines &c whereas the voucher of the same date and number shows the amount to be £9.10.6.

- B. On the 10<sup>th</sup> March 1881 making an entry of £ 17.9.0 for Fines, Tides and Water Money, when the voucher was for £ 8.10.3.
- C. On the 4<sup>th</sup> May 1881 There is a voucher for £ 1.15.0 for Water Rates collected in May which is not entered in the account.
- D. On the 3<sup>d</sup> September 1881 There is a voucher for £ 3.15.0 for water rates which is not entered.
- E. A Bill drawn on the 29<sup>th</sup> June 1881 on the Board of Trade in favour of G. P. Addison for the sum of £ 40 was not entered.
- F. A Bill drawn on the 21<sup>st</sup> October 1881 on the Board of Trade in favour of G. M. Dean for £ 100 was entered as £ 80.
- G. Customs dues paid by George Crooke according to receipts produced amounting to £ 38 in September 1880 and to £ 16.10.0 in September 1881 were not entered.
- This charge rests on the examination of the Books and vouchers of the Treasurer by Mr. Horwill, Paymaster of H. M. S. Dwarf, and reported by him to the Governor on the 29<sup>th</sup> December 1881.
- Charge 2. for entering in the account of the Government of the Falkland Islands with the Board of Trade on account of Cape Pembroke Lighthouse a Bill No. 1439 in favour of Mrs J. Brandon, as £ 30 when the Bill was actually for £ 50, and so entered in the Treasurer's Cash Account on 20<sup>th</sup> September 1881.

Thus

This charge rests on the entries in the respective books of account.

Charge 3 Neglect as Treasurer and Collector of Customs to collect and account for the following customs duties.

A. £49.14.6 on imports in the Black Hawk for the Falkland Islands Company on the 11<sup>th</sup> Feb 1880.

B. £63.8.3 on imports by the Black Hawk for the Falkland Islands Company on the 26<sup>th</sup> April 1880

C. £20.8.6 on imports by Black Hawk for the Falkland Islands Company on the 3<sup>d</sup> August 1880.

D. £76.19.0 on imports by the Lioness for the Falkland Islands Company on the 8<sup>th</sup> May 1880

E. £96.14.0. on imports by the "Vicar of Bray" for the Falkland Islands Company on the 29<sup>th</sup> of September 1880

Altogether amounting to £ 307.4.3, of which there is no mention in Mr. Collins' account.

This charge rests on the account furnished by Mr. F. G. Cobb the Manager of the Falkland Islands Company who informed the Governor of the circumstances on the 12<sup>th</sup> December 1881, and paid the amount.

Charge 4. For his conduct as Postmaster by detaining a letter addressed to Dr. Heaton, Darwin. Falkland Islands, and registered at Denise on the 5<sup>th</sup> of September 1881, and

stamped

stamped with the Falkland Islands  
post mark on the 23<sup>d</sup> October 1881.

This charge rests on the letter bill and on  
the statement of the circumstances made  
by Dr Huston.

Mr. Collins replied to these charges as  
follows: —

Charge I The charge of gross neglect brought  
against me in the Office of Treasurer  
arose through carelessness on my part.  
The various cases mentioned in Charge I  
are instances of it. However I think it  
right to point out that there are errors  
and omissions on the Payment side as  
well as on the Receipt side, to a considerable  
amount in my favour. These errors have  
since been rectified.

Charge II The entry of a Bill for £30 in  
the Account Current of the Government  
with the Board of Trade on account of  
Cape Pembroke Lighthouse instead of £50  
as entered in the Cash Book, is a clerical  
error in making up the account current  
and would have been discovered in  
making up the annual account of  
Repayments at the beginning of this  
year. By entering the proper amount  
in the cash book I charged myself with  
the amount I actually received.

Charge III It was most negligent in  
my omitting to collect from the Falkland  
Islands Company, customs duties  
amounting

amounting to £307. 4. 3. I do not wish to impute malevolent motives to the Falkland Islands Company about the matter, but I think it singular that they should have omitted to include this large amount in their last settlement with me, when Mr. Langdon drew up an account current - the original of which is now in the Office - which he professed contained everything that was due to the Government in the shape of customs duties, and only left standing the duties which would become payable on the spirits they had in the Government store. I too readily accepted Mr. Langdon's account as a true one, without thoroughly examining the details.

Charge 4 I can only account for this charge of misconduct by the careless manner in which I have kept the Registered letters arriving in the Colony, and not putting them in any one particular place of safety, while in my custody.

(Signed) John Wright Collins  
Stanley 4<sup>th</sup> January 1881.

On that answer, the Governor said that he had discovered the following charge had ~~been~~ been accidentally omitted:-

Charge 5 Misconduct as Postmaster by receiving £10 from Mr. James Greenishields in February 1881 for the purpose of sending a money order

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to Mr. George Shirley of Wishaw, and neither sending the order nor returning the money.

This charge rests on the information of Mr. Greenshields and on the admission of Mr. Collins.

And it was communicated to Mr. Collins with the following additional charges at once:-

Charge 6. Misconduct as Treasurer, by withholding the Treasurer's book of account from the 1<sup>st</sup> October 1879 to the 30<sup>th</sup> November 1880, from the persons appointed by the Governor to examine the Treasurer's accounts.

Charge 7. Misconduct as Treasurer and Collector of Customs, by taking no account of customs duties payable by Q.C. Packe on eleven one-dozzen cases of wine imported in the Black Hawk on the 11<sup>th</sup> November 1879, and on 40 gallons of French wine and 18 gallons of sherry imported in the Vicar of Bray on the 27<sup>th</sup> December 1879.

This charge rests on the Bills of Entry signed by Q.C. Packe on the dates stated and on the absence of any entry in the Treasurer's or Customs' accounts.

Mr. Collins was allowed until Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> Inst to reply.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> Inst Mr. Collins was called upon for some Keys of Office Boxes which he said had been left in the drawers in the Office but could not be found; he sent three.

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On the morning of the 5<sup>th</sup> Inst. a stationery press was opened by one of these keys; it was in the back office, and in it was found a sealed bag, dated 8<sup>th</sup> March 1881 containing despatches from the Colonial Office, with Lord Kimberley's signature; and the enclosure to despatch No. 25 of the 16<sup>th</sup> March 1881 containing accounts and vouchers of the Falkland Islands from June to December 1880. In another part of the press, the lock of which had to be forced were found three bags, containing despatches from the Colonial Office, and several letters, some addressed to the various heads of departments in the Falkland Islands, and several addressed to private individuals, some of which were sealed, but the greater portion not; a list of which was made in the presence of Mr. Bailey, Dr. Hamilton and the Chief Constable.

On this discovery an information was laid before the Police Magistrate by the Acting Colonial Secretary, against Mr. Collins, charging him with embezzling and secreting post letters whilst in the service of the Post Office, and he was then arrested, and on the 6<sup>th</sup> Inst., he having admitted that he was guilty of the charges, he was committed to prison to take his trial at the next sitting of the Supreme Court.

The Governor said that after the admission  
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made by Mr. Collins, of his guilt on so grave a charge, and the impossibility after his committal to prison of his being able to defend himself before the Council as provided by Rule 84 of the Colonial Office Regulations, he was of opinion that Mr. Collins should be formally suspended and a report of his suspension be forwarded without delay to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

The Council unanimously concurred in this.

The Governor said that the Secretary of State had advised him with regard to the Capital Punishment Ordinance, that it would be advisable to pass an ordinance extending to the Colony the English Act in extenso, mutatis mutandis.

The following ordinances had been approved by the Secretary of State, and the Governor proposed to bring them before the Legislative Council called for the purpose on the 12<sup>th</sup> Inst.

(1) An Ordinance to extend to this Colony the Merchant Shipping Acts.

(2) The Master's and Workmen Act.

(3) The Employers Liability Act.

The Governor said that instead of amending the Rural Servitude Ordinance of 1876 as proposed at a former meeting, he proposed to extend to the Colony the operation of the Prisoners Removal Act (Colonial)

(Colonial) 1869.

The Governor then opened the packet of accounts from June to December 1880. With reference to the trial of Mr Collins for the offence for which he had been committed to prison, it was agreed that notices should be issued for a sitting of the Supreme Court on Friday next the 11<sup>th</sup> Inst.

The Governor then adjourned the Council sine die.

Confirmed 23<sup>rd</sup> February 1882

Wm  
Governor

Alfred Kerr  
Acting Clerk to the Council.

Executive Council.

Thursday. 23<sup>rd</sup> February 1882.

Present H. E. Governor Kerr

the Honble A. Bailey Esq.

- " " Dr S. Hamilton.

The Council met pursuant to summons. The minutes of the last meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> January last were read and confirmed.

The Governor said that he had called the council together to lay before them the draft of an Ordinance No: 6 of 1882 to provide for the carrying out

of Capital Punishment in Prisons, which  
he proposed to introduce in the Legislative  
Council at the next meeting.

The Governor then read an application  
from Mr Hansen to lease the Passage  
Islands for 21 years at an annual  
rental of £10. The Governor thought  
that a lease for 10 years was long enough.  
But that in any case the rate ought  
to be governed by the area of the islands,  
and that they should have an upset  
price set upon them.

The Council unanimously concurred  
in this.

The Governor brought to the notice  
of the Council <sup>that</sup> although the lease of  
Port Edgar and Weddell Island is a lease  
for 21 years at the rate of £124. 12. 9 per annum  
for the first 10 years and then £207. 14. 8  
per annum for the remaining period,  
yet the full rent had only been paid for  
the first two years, and since then only  
£117. per annum had been paid. There  
was no notice of any alteration in the  
rate on the lease in the book and he  
thought that Mr Williams should  
be called upon to pay the difference.  
The Council unanimously agreed to  
this.

The Governor then adjourned the  
Council sine die.

Confirmed 11<sup>th</sup> May 1882

Alankar  
Act. Clerk

Wm  
Governor.

## Executive Council.

Thursday

11<sup>th</sup> May 1882.

Present H.R. Governor Pen.

The Honble Arthur Bailey

" " D. S. Hamilton.

The Council met pursuant to summons.

The minutes of the last meeting held on the  
23<sup>rd</sup> Feby 1882 were read and confirmed.

With reference to the leasing of the Passage Islands, which had been before the Council at its last meeting, the Governor said that he was informed by the Honble J. M. Dean, that he had applied about two years ago to lease the Islands, but that his application had not been attended to.

<sup>It was agreed that the lease of the Islands should be put up for public competition.</sup>  
The Governor said that he had called the meeting of Council with reference to a despatch which he had received from the Secretary of State, in which he was informed that Her Majesty had been graciously pleased to allow Ordinance No. 3 of 1881 (the Marriage Ordinance), but the

<sup>the 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph of the Ordinance No. 4 of 1872 relating to the nature of marriage, and section 2 of the same Ordinance, which was ambiguous, and section 4 of the Marriage Ordinance 1872.</sup>  
Secretary of State had called his attention to the former

He thought ought to be repealed, in consequence of which he had had a <sup>drafted</sup> ordinance drafted which he now laid on the table, No. 7 of 1882 "An Ordinance to amend the Ordinance No. 3 of 1881 &c.), and which he proposed to lay before the Legislative Council at its next meeting.

The Council were unanimously of opinion that the <sup>proposed</sup> Ordinance would meet the circumstances of

of the case.

The Governor informed the Council that he had had an application from two foreigners Marianus Bratolich, and Soa Silva de Alvera to be naturalized, and in consequence he had prepared an Ordinance No. 8 of 1882 naturalizing them, which he intended to introduce at the next meeting of the Legislative Council.

The Governor said that he had been in communication with the Chief Constable and Sheriff as to the disposal of the time ~~to~~ <sup>of</sup> the prisoners in Gaol, and read a set of rules which the Council unanimously approved of.

The Governor also thought that there ought to be some rules with reference <sup>discipline of the</sup> to the Police force. Governor Callaghan had issued <sup>certain</sup> verbal orders, but he thought that the rules should be reduced to writing and the order made in Council. The Rules were read and the order made accordingly.

The Governor said that some repairs were required at the school and asked Mr. Bailey to inspect the school house and report to him what was necessary.

The Governor read to the Council a statement of the accounts of the late Treasurer which he had sent to the Secretary of State by the last mail, from which it appeared that since 1878 there was a deficiency of £908.12.6 exclusive of Postage stamps which were missing and of which there was no account, the value of which amounted to £242.14.2

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Gaol Regulations.

Order of His Excellency the Governor in Council.

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1. From the 1<sup>st</sup> Bell until 1 $\frac{1}{4}$  hours after Prisoners are to rise, make beds, sweep cells and passages, wash, breakfast and clean the day room.
2. From 1 $\frac{1}{4}$  hours after the 1<sup>st</sup> Bell until 12 o'clock. Work.
3. From 12 to 12.30 P.M. dinner. From 12.30 to 1 P.M. Clean day room and Gaol.
4. From 1 P.M. until the last Bell work.
- 5 After the last Bell, Supper, carry water and peat.
6. Prisoners at work in the Cells are to have exercise in the Prison yard from 1 to 2 o'clock P.M. daily.
7. All clothing belonging to Prisoners which is not in use is to be kept in the Store Room.
8. Prisoners are to be discharged at noon on the day of their release.

Council Chamber Stanley.

15<sup>th</sup> May 1882.

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Acting Clerk of Councils.

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Order of His Excellency the Governor in Council.

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1. The Police are forbidden to enter Public Houses or any part of licensed premises except on duty, and then they are only to remain as long as their services are required.
2. The full dress uniform is to be worn at all times when on duty, and for Parades when ordered, and on Sundays. The undress uniform is to be worn at all other times except when the men are at work, when they are to wear their own clothing.
3. The old dress and undress uniforms become the property of the men, as soon as the new clothing is taken into wear.
4. Except when at work, or going to or from work, they are to be clean and neat in dress and appearance when they appear in public.

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Council Chamber

Acting Clerk of Council

Stanley

15th May 1882.

September 20 1899

Received one volume of the collection

and present and I will add it to the library of our school with

the rest of the books. I will also add it to my personal library.

However we have not yet had time to examine it fully.

I would like to express my thanks for your kind gift and  
quaint and interesting volume. I am very glad to have it  
and will add it to my personal library. I will  
also add it to my school library.

Thank you again for your kind gift and  
I hope you will receive many more such gifts.

With best regards and many thanks for your kind gift.

Yours very truly,

John C. H. Smith

Principal of the High School

1899

two sums making a total of £ 1151. 6. 8.

The Council then adjourned sine die.

Confirmed,

16<sup>th</sup> June  
1882.

Alan Kerr  
Acting Clerk.

Merr  
Governor

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Executive Council.

Friday. 16<sup>th</sup> June 1882.

Present H.R. Governor Kerr

The Honble Arthur Wailey  
in - Dr. S. Hamilton.

The Council met pursuant to summons.  
The minutes of the last meeting held on  
11<sup>th</sup> May last were read and confirmed.

The Governor said that he had called the  
Council to day for the purpose of laying before  
them the draft of an Ordinance to amend  
the Land Ordinance of 1871, and confirm  
certain leases of Crown Lands. This Ordinance  
was intended to have been introduced by his  
predecessor Governor Callaghan, and his  
attention was called to it soon after his arrival  
in the Colony. In the course of a correspondence  
with the Secretary of State, he had suggested  
the raising of the rent of the Crown Lands, on  
the termination of the present leases, so as to  
provide a sufficient revenue for the  
requirements of the Colony, and in the meantime  
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he had not proceeded with the Ordinance, as it contained a provision for the renewal of leases at the present rental of £10 per section.

He had brought this subject to the notice of the Executive Council on the 18<sup>th</sup> October last and they then agreed with him that the rents should properly be raised to £20 per section per annum.

He had lately received a despatch from the Secretary of State sanctioning this proposal, and he now proposed to introduce the Ordinance as originally drafted in every respect, excepting only the alteration from £10 to £20 as the annual rent of each section of 600 acres.

The Council concurred with the Governor in the propriety of bringing the Ordinance before the Legislative Council as soon as possible.

The Governor informed the Council that the Secretary of State had approved of his proposal to make provision for securing greater efficiency in the Civil Establishment by the appointment of a Colonial Secretary and Treasurer (to whom could also be intrusted the administration of the Government in the event of the death or absence of the Governor) at a salary of £350 per annum, and a second Officer to be Post master, Collector of Customs and Government Clerk at a salary of £200 a year. The salary of Schoolmaster would have to be increased from £100 to £170. The expense of maintaining

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two prisoners at Malta would be considerable, and it would be necessary to place the whole amount of the cost of the Mail Service upon the estimates for next year.

On comparing the probable revenue for 1883 with the necessary expenditure, he found that there would be a deficiency of about £1500

A.R. - and this would continue until the lapsing of the present leases the Land ~~Ordinance~~

A.R. Revenue should be increased by the operation of the Land Ordinance, which it was proposed to pass. He had explained the situation to such of the Colonists as could be assembled and suggested that the sum required in aid of the Revenue, might be raised either by a tax on land both freehold and leasehold of about a penny on every six acres, or by a small tax on wool. His proposition had met with no opposition, but there was a difference of opinion as to which mode of taxation was most expedient - and he had given time for a fuller consideration of the matter.

His own opinion was in favour of taxing the land, as being both simple certain and easy of collection - and he believed that most of the sheep farmers would eventually agree with him.

It would not be necessary to continue the tax for more than ten years, as it would then be no longer required. The council concurred with the Governor on all points.

The Governor reminded the Council of the

the conclusion they had come to at the meeting  
on the 29<sup>th</sup> December 1880, as to the necessity of  
passing an Ordinance to make better provision  
for the collection of Customs Duties. The  
interruption of correspondence with the  
Secretary of State by the misconduct of  
Mr. Collins, and the difficulties of all  
kinds consequent upon ~~him~~ it, had  
prevented his proceeding with the matter,  
but the Secretary of State approved of it,  
and he (the Governor) was preparing an  
Ordinance which he would soon be able to  
submit to them. It would be necessary to  
improve the landing arrangements at the  
dockyard, so that goods landed without  
payment of duty might at once be placed in  
the Government warehouse, and it occurred  
to him that the cheapest and simplest place  
would be to place an old hulk at the end of  
the present pier, where the water was now  
so shallow that loaded lighters could not  
come to it. A suitable hulk could be  
purchased for £20 which was much below  
what he had expected. The Council agreed  
that this would be a proper expenditure.

The Governor informed the Council that  
at the next meeting of the Legislative  
Council he proposed to introduce an  
Ordinance for consolidating and amending  
the Ordinance relating to customs Duties  
and Trade. An Ordinance for regulating  
the Fisheries on the Coasts of the Colony  
and

and an Ordinance to raise a sum in aid of Revenue; all of which after some discussion were approved of by the Council.

The Governor then adjourned the Council sine die.

Confirmed 22<sup>nd</sup> July

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Acting Clerk to the Council. Governor

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Executive Council  
Saturday - 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

Present His Excellency Governor Kern  
The Honble A. Bailey  
" " Dr. S. Hamilton.

The Council met pursuant to summons.  
The Minutes of the last meeting held on Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> June were read and confirmed.

The Governor read to the Council letters which he had received from several of the landholders on the subject of the proposed tax in aid of Revenue from which it appears that they were almost unanimously of opinion that the tax should be on land and not on wool. The only persons who were desirous of having the tax on wool were Captain Packe and Mr. Pitalega, which was

which was to be expected as these gentlemen pastured much of the land with cattle and exported a comparatively small quantity of wool.

The Governor said that he himself did not approve of an export tax, and laid before the Council the draft of an Ordinance for laying a rate on lands and tenements for a limited period, which he proposed to submit to the Secretary of State for his approval, before introducing it in the Legislative Council.

The Council were unanimously of opinion that the Ordinance was a proper one.

The Governor said that he was not in a position to lay before the Council the Ordinance for consolidating the Customs Duties Ordinance it being still in the hands of the Printer, but he read the proposed Tariff which he had drawn up, with the provisions of which the Council concurred.

The Governor informed the Council that he had received a petition from the Lessees of Crown Lands on the West Falkland, asking that assistance may be given by the Government similar to that given in the case of the Assistant Colonial Surgeon at Darwin.

The Governor laid the Estimates for the year 1883 before the Council, which were approved of by the Council.

The Governor also laid before the Council a petition from certain owners of land in Stanley asking that a street may be

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made

The Governor laid before the Council a petition from certain of the landholders and lessees of Crown Lands, praying to the Earl of Kimberley praying that the constitution of the Colony may be changed, and that a Board of Works should be appointed in Stanley which would have control over the expenditure of money for the purpose of improving the town.

Confirmed 28<sup>th</sup> July.

Alfred Kerr  
Acting Clerk to the Council.

Mess,  
Governor.

Executive Council.  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July 1882

Present H. G. Governor Kerr

The Honble A. Bailey  
" " Dr. S. Hamilton

The Council met pursuant to summons.  
The minutes of the last meeting held on Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup> July inst. were read and confirmed.

The Governor said that he had called the Council for the purpose of laying before them two subjects.

1. The Ordinance for consolidating the Customs Ordinances, which he had hoped to pass in time to send home by the last mail, but

but he had been unable to do so; he however wanted to introduce it in the Legislative Council at its next meeting.

The Ordinance was then read, and the Council agreed that its provisions were proper, and that it should be laid before the Legislative Council.

2. With reference to the Quarantining of the Rosario Steamer "Sakkarah" which had arrived on the 26<sup>th</sup> inst from Montevideo, and it was found that there was a bad case of small pox on board.

As there were several passengers the Governor had made provision for their reception on board of a large ship the "Sussex" where they will remain in quarantine.

The Patient had been removed to a schooner the "Perseverance"; four men from shore had been surprised by the crew of the boat which removed Mr W<sup>m</sup> Clymont the patient, and steps had been taken to remove these men to a small hulk.

The cargo had been removed to a hulk, and as there had been no contact between the passengers & the cargo, and the Health Officer thought that there was no danger of infection, it was agreed that the cargo may safely be landed on Monday the 31<sup>st</sup> inst.

Confirmed 17<sup>th</sup> August 1882

Alau Kerr  
Acting Clerk to the Council

Merr  
Governor

## Executive Council.

Thursday. 17<sup>th</sup> August 1882.

Present H.R. Governor Kerr

The Honble A. Bailey.

" Dr S. Hamilton.

His Excellency informed the Council that he had appointed Mr. H. F. Blissett Clqf. to be temporarily and until Her Majesty's pleasure be known, a member of the Executive Council. Mr. Blissett having taken the Judicial Oath and the Oaths of Allegiance and Office, took his seat at the Board.

The Minutes of the last meeting held on Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> July were read and confirmed.

Dr. Hamilton the Health Officer reported that Mr. McClymont was on a fair way to recovery, and might safely be allowed to land on the 7<sup>th</sup> of September next. There were two of Mr. McClymont's Portmanteaus which were supposed to contain soiled garments, and instructions were given to have them examined, and the garments destroyed and the portmanteaus disinfected as soon as possible.

With reference to the Quarantine expenses, the Governor said that he had agreed to pay the sum of a pound a day for the use of the hulk "Felix" for the four men, and also had been obliged to get cooking utensils and bedding &c which he was authorized to do by Ordinance No: 2 of 1875.

None

None of these accounts had been rendered yet, and further consideration of the subject was deferred ~~until~~ <sup>until</sup> a future meeting, but it was determined to ask for the accounts in respect of the Isles and Sussex without delay.

With reference to the Leasing of the Passage Islands for which application had been made by Messrs J. H. Dean & Sons, and by Capt Hansen, both tenants of the Crown, it was determined that that the lease should be put up to competition at an upset rental of not less than £20 per annum for twenty one years, and that sealed tenders should be received for the Special Lease not later than the 25<sup>th</sup> of September next.

The Governor then adjourned the Council sine die.

Conformed 9<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1882

H. S. Smith <sup>Then</sup>  
G. Clark <sup>Governor</sup>  
Clerk of the Council

Falkland Islands Co

Stanley, 31<sup>st</sup> July, 1882

Sir,

I respectfully beg leave to protest against the additional tax of 1/- per lb. on cut tobacco.

I submit, with all deference to Your Excellency, that there can be no possible reason in this place for making one kind of smoking tobacco pay a higher duty than another, and that it is contrary to the practice in the Australian Colonies, as an examination of their tariffs will prove. But there is a much stronger reason against the extra duty, which Your Excellency may have overlooked, and that is that the

His Excellency

Governor Genl.

L. L. L.

cut tobacco imported into this Colony  
is of British manufacture, while  
the cake tobacco usually smoked is  
prepared in the United States. The  
new tariff in fact places discrimi-  
nating duties on tobacco in favour  
of a foreign country, a mode of  
taxation which appears to be going  
beyond Free Trade, and turning Protection  
upside down.

As the additional duty, if  
retained, will entirely stop the  
consumption of British manufactured  
tobacco, I would further submit to  
Your Excellency that it would be only  
fair to defer putting the new tariff  
in force until Importers have had  
time to regulate their orders. Through  
an oversight two cases of tobacco from  
the well known firm of Wills of  
Bristol were left behind by the  
Sakkarsahs, and it seems hardly  
right that extra duty should be paid  
on these, as I have had no opportunity

of preventing their shipment.

Were an extra duty imposed upon the black Brazilian cut tobacco imposed for making cigarettes, no reasonable objection could be raised; but to put a prohibitive duty on all tobacco but American Cavendish, which the new tariff virtually does, is a proceeding that appears to me very objectionable.

I have the honor to be  
Sir,

Your Excellency's most obedient servant

Geo. E. foot.  
Manager.

G.P.S.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Aug 1852

Sir

I am directed by H.R. the G to acknowledge the receipt  
yesterday of your letter dated 31<sup>st</sup> July 1852 in which you  
beg leave to protest against the additional tax of  
1/- one shilling per pound on cut tobacco.

Stanley Feb 20<sup>th</sup> 1882

To His Excellency

Thomas Kerr Esquire

Governor and Commander in chief in  
and over The Falkland Islands and their  
Dependencies

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Sir

I have the honor to apply to Select the nether  
mentioned Islands

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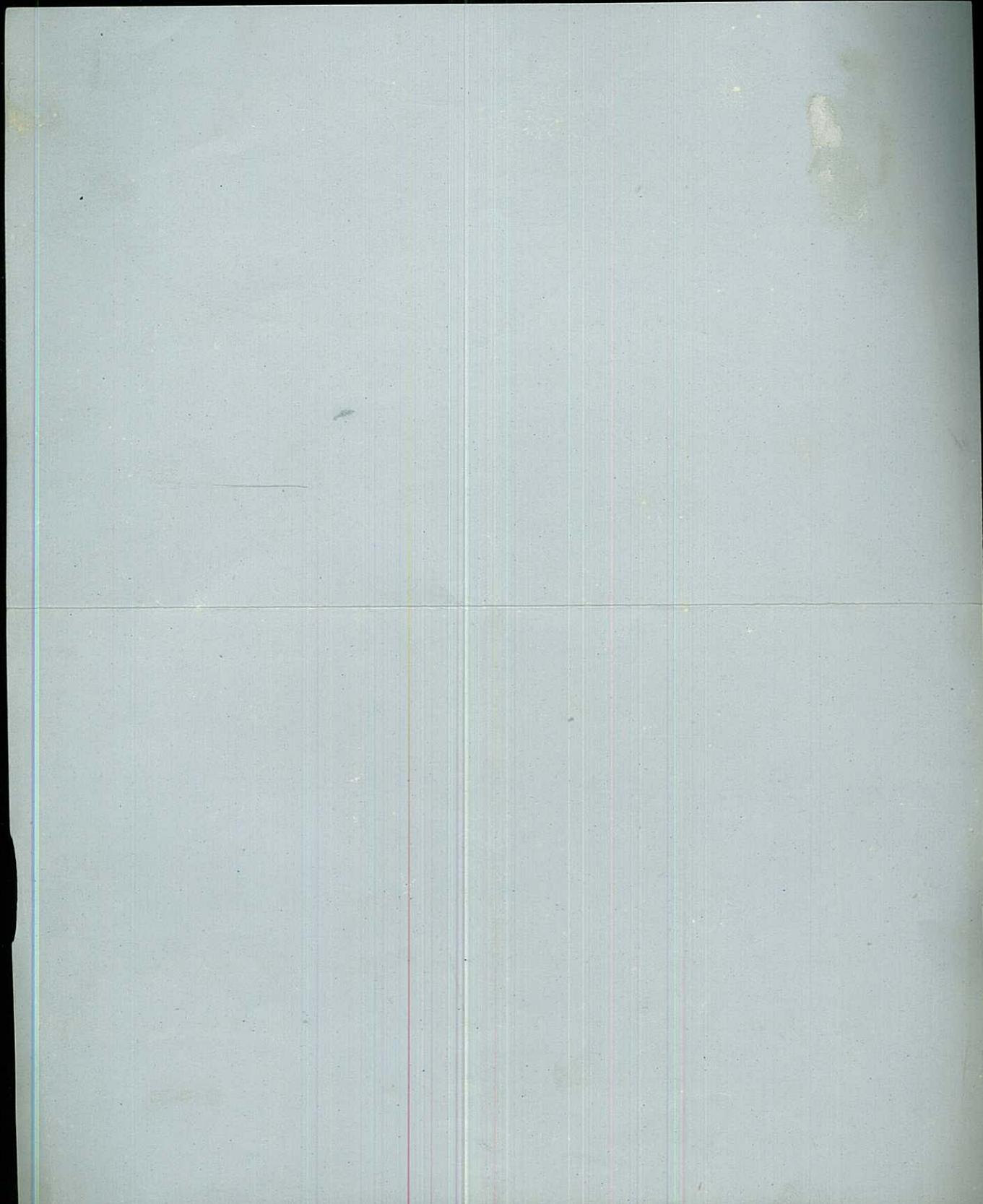
Third

¶ Fourth Passage Islands

for a term of Twenty one years. I am willing  
to pay £10.0.0. Ten Pounds each year for them  
and humbly remain your

Excellency's obedient Servant

Charles Hansen



To go with the Cornell Annuals  
23<sup>rd</sup> inst.

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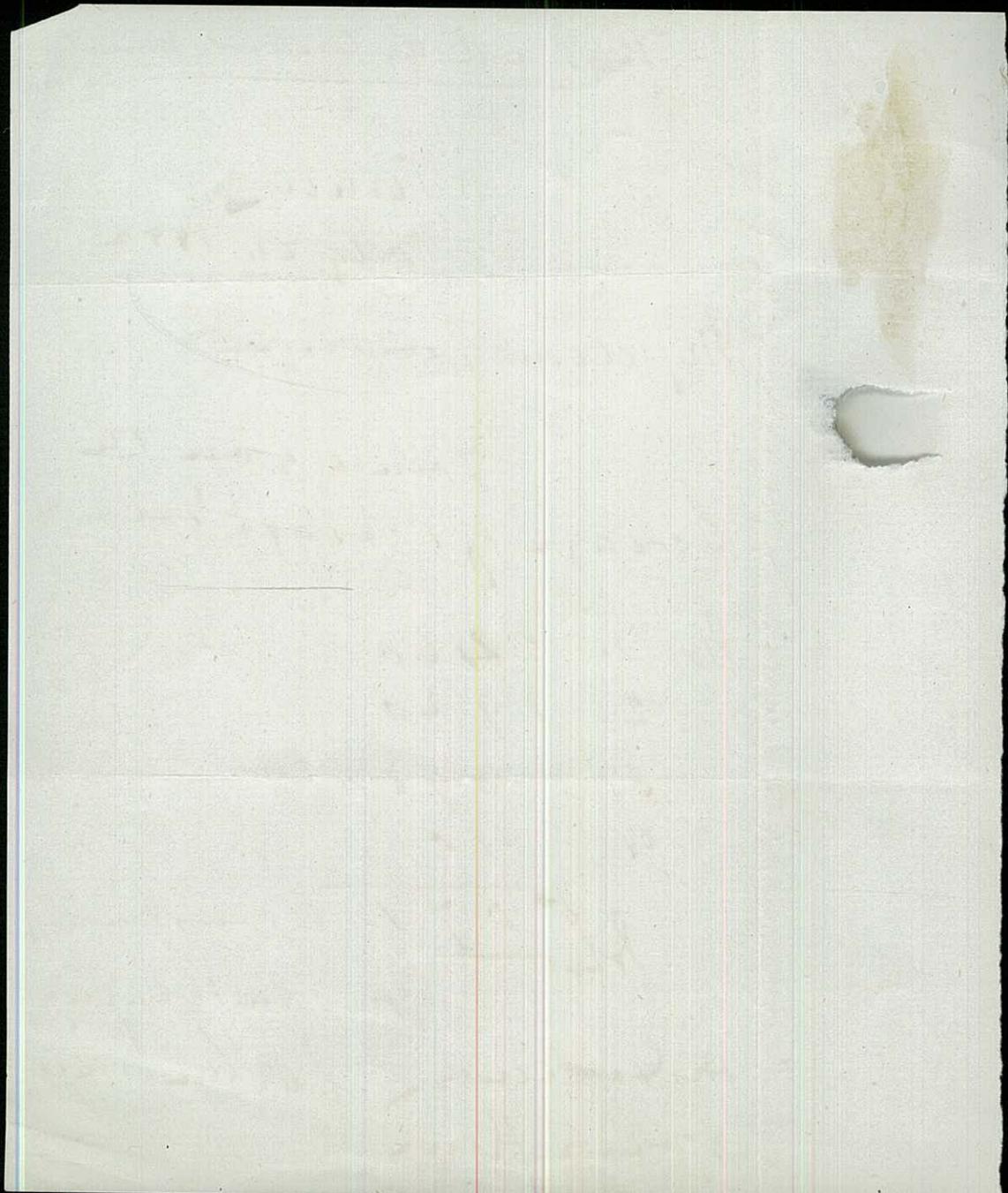
My dear Sonnen

I send you the  
Acreage of Passage Ground

No. 1. 2460  
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~~5071~~ Yours faithfully,  
John Hanley  
and Sonnenberg Wm Knobell  
Grover City



Executive Council9<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1882

Present - H. E. Governor Kerr

Hon<sup>ble</sup> A. Bailey" D<sup>r</sup> Hamilton" H. F. Bissett Com<sup>b</sup>.

The minutes of the last Council held on 17<sup>th</sup> Aug 1882 were read & confirmed.

The Governor then requested D<sup>r</sup> Hamilton as Health Officer to inform the Board as to the reasons for extending the quarantine of Mr<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Mymont.

D<sup>r</sup> Hamilton stated that he had observed an eruption still visible on Mr<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Mymont, & he thought it would be safer in consequence in the public interest to extend the quarantine from 7<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> inst.

The Governor then said that the accounts of the Quarantine Expenses could not be laid before the Council until the Quarantine was entirely at an end.

Mr<sup>r</sup> Cobb's letter on the subject of the imposition of an additional 1/ per lb. duty on Cut Tobaccos, & His Excellency said the objection was not raised until after the Customs Ordinance was passed, and as no good reasons were advanced for altering the new Ordinance, Mr<sup>r</sup> Cobb's application could not be entertained.

Whilst on the subject of Customs the Governor said he would submit to the Council a scale of Warehouse rent in connection with the new custom Ordinance

which

which was approved to take effect from  
1<sup>st</sup> Sept. inst. & directed to be published  
for general information.

The Governor might add, that it had been  
brought to his notice after the Licensing  
of the Public Houses on 31<sup>st</sup> August, that the  
Publicans had expressed their intention of opening  
their houses for the sale of liquor on Sunday  
evenings during the hours of Divine Service, &  
that one, C. Williams, had done so on the  
evening of Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept. A reference to  
the Spirit License Ordinance No. 9 of 1853,  
Sec III would show that they could open  
between 1 pm & 3 pm in the afternoon & from  
5 pm to 8 pm in the Evening, so that the action  
of the Publicans was within the provisions  
of the law. At the time the Ordinance was  
passed, <sup>Divine</sup> service was held in the Afternoon.

About 10 yrs ago the service was changed to the  
Evening, by mutual consent it was agreed  
by the Publicans that they would not open on  
Sunday evenings. It has now therefore become  
necessary to amend the Ordinance & make provision  
for their closing during the hours of divine Service  
in the Evening. By last Inst H. S. had secured  
a Blue Bk. on the subject of the "Sale of Intoxicating  
Liquors" in the colonies which had been presented  
to Parliament by command of Her Majesty. This  
Blue Bk contains the Ordinances concerning  
the sale of liquor in most of the principal  
Colonies, and in almost all of them stringent  
clauses are inserted to prevent the desecration  
of the Sabbath. In most cases Public Houses  
were

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Rent on Goods deposited in the Govt Bonding warehouse

Per week.

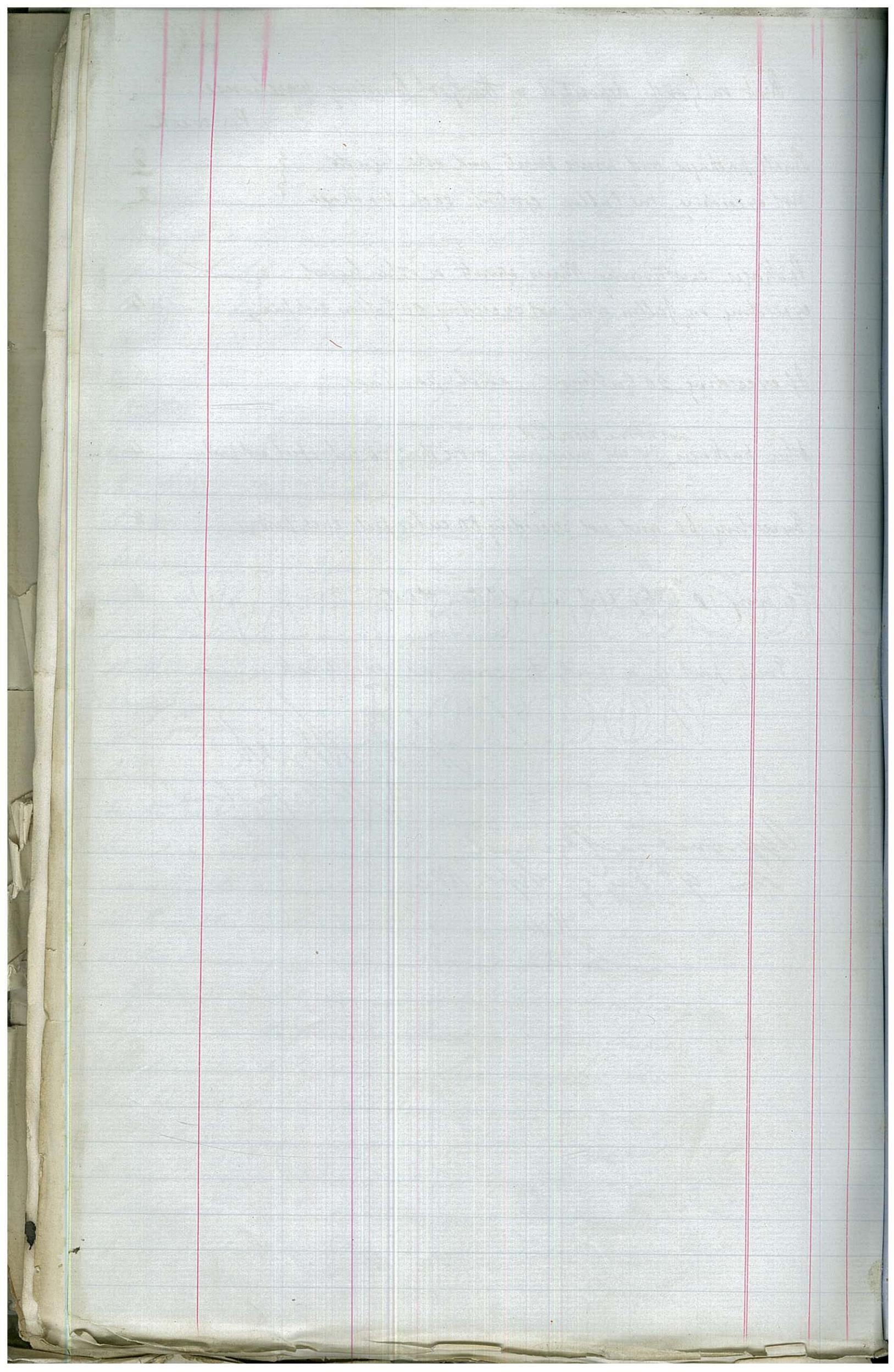
Small packages, and wines spirits and other liquids not exceeding one gallon content, each package	2 2
Packages containing Wines spirits or other liquids exceeding one gallon and not exceeding 20 gallons, each package	4
If exceeding 20 gallons each package	6
Other packages <sup>not above described</sup> if not measuring more than 60 cubic feet, each package,	4
Exceeding 60 and not exceeding 80 cubic feet, each package	8
For every 10 cubic feet in addition thereto	6.

Every part of a week to count as one week.

J. L. Smith  
Asst. Adm'r. Boston  
9. 9. 82

Approved in principal  
this 9<sup>th</sup> day of Sept. 1882

"Then  
Governor.



were closed altogether on Sundays except to bona fide travellers or lodgers. His Excellency proposed to amend the existing Ordinance so as to entirely prevent liquor being drunk on the premises on Sunday, and only to open between the hours of 1 pm. to 3 pm. for sale; & also to prevent liquor being sold to children under 12 years, & habitual drunkards. The Council concurred in the opinion that such legislation was necessary.

The Governor was informed the Council that in 1877 M<sup>r</sup>. Macmillan the Govt. Pilot proposed to carry out the Pilot Service on certain terms amongst which one was that he was to pay the boatmen employed himself. This arrangement was accepted by Gov. Collymore who reported it to the Secretary of State in Desp. N<sup>o</sup>. 44 of 27 Dec. 1877 & in Desp. N<sup>o</sup>. 38 of 1878 acknowledges reply, & in Desp. N<sup>o</sup>. 11, <sup>1879</sup> reported on cost of Pilotage again. Some time ago it was found that M<sup>r</sup>. Macmillan had been charging his boatmen against the Pilotage fees & said for? Collymore approved of it. From the despatch of Gov. Collymore however this would not appear to have been the case. A letter undated & signed by M<sup>r</sup>. Macmillan sent to Dr. Collins for Gov<sup>r</sup>? Kerr's approval was discovered, & M<sup>r</sup>. Macmillan stated that Collins told him the Governor had approved of this proposal hence his deducting his boatmen wages from the receipts for Pilotage during 1881 & 1882. Since 1888 the sum of £<sup>79</sup>. 16. 0 has been paid to boatmen but

but only £30 appears to have been dealt  
with improperly and that with the Council's  
concurrence he would direct Mr. Frenchman  
to refund. <sup>£1000</sup> £1000 would in future too have  
to be paid into the Treasury direct  
and not to the Pilot & H.L. proposed to  
give the Pilot a fixed salary as soon as  
the question could be dealt with. The  
Council concurred & Mr. Frenchman to be  
informed.

The Governor then adjourned  
the Council Urie die

W.M.  
Governor

Confirmed 25 Sept. 1882

J. J. Smith  
of Clerk to Council

*Executive Council*

**OFFICIAL GAZETTE.**

**GOVERNMENT NOTICE.**

Sealed applications will be received by the Governor in Council at eleven o'clock on the forenoon of the 25th day of September 1882, for a special Lease of the Passage Islands, for the Term of Twenty one years from the first day of October 1882.

No Tender for less than Twenty pounds Sterling annual rental on advance will be received.

*By His Excellency's Command.*

Government Office, Stanley  
17th, August 1882.

Alan Kerr,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Stanley Aug 24<sup>th</sup> 1882

Sir

I am prepared to rent the Passage Island at an annual rental of £10. Ten pounds providing there is water upon them suitable for Stock  
If upon my arrival there I find the Islands unfitted for the grazing of Sheep I reserve the right to abandon the same to Government

Charles Hansen

To the Colonial Secretary

Stanley

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Confirming

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Executive Council

25<sup>th</sup> September 1882.

Present:— H. E. the Governor

Hon. A. Bailey

" S. Hamilton

" H. J. Blissett. Comt.

The minutes of the previous Council held on 9<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1882 were read & confirmed.

His Excellency said that in accordance with the Notice dated 1<sup>st</sup> Aug. 1882 for the Rental of the Passay Islands, West Falklands, the tenders were now to be opened. Only one had been received which now appeared to be from Mr. C. Hansen, who offered £10 p.a. for the Islands if he found water there, but wished to reserve his right to refuse them if he did not do so.

H. E. Council decided that Mr. Hansen be informed that his offer not being in accordance with the notice issued on 1<sup>st</sup> Aug. last, his tender is Rejected.

The Governor then adjourned the Council sine die.

W. Kerr.

Confirmed this 13<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1882

Governor.

H. J. Smith  
A. Clerk of Council

Executive Council

13<sup>th</sup> November 1882

Present: H.E. the Governor

Hon A. Bailey

J Hamilton

H. J. Brissette C.M.G.

The minutes of the last Council, held  
on 25<sup>th</sup> Sept. were read & confirmed.

His Excellency said the first question for  
the consideration of the Council was that of  
the Quarantine. When a small posy case arrived  
in the "Sathkarah" in July last there were a  
large number of passengers for Stanley, &  
as the ship "Suraj" belonging to Mr. Dean  
was lying idle, H.E. had suggested to the head  
of the firm that it would be a good launch  
for the occasion. Mr. Dean has said he would  
be glad to place her at the disposal of the post  
for the purpose & H.E. did not expect any  
charge would have been made for her  
utilisation. After the Quarantine period  
expired however Mr. Dean put in a claim  
for £240 which H.E. declined to sustain  
& as an ultimatum Mr. Dean has informed  
the G. Treasurer he would take £100 &  
no less. The ship could not go to sea she  
suffered no detention & therefore H.E.  
considered this latter charge exorbitant.  
The Council concurred in H.E. opinion  
that £50 would be fair remuneration  
for the service & it was directed to be  
mailed to Mr. Dean.

It. S. there was a letter from Capt. Parke asking permission to put up a gate at his boundary crossing the South (Darwin) track. The road being one much used by the public It. S. was of opinion he had no right to put up a bar gate such as he suggested, but that he might be allowed to erect a swing gate. With regard to legislating on the subject of persons leaving the gate open he thought if it were so necessary to look after it Capt. Parke should place a man on the spot to ~~look after it~~<sup>to look co R.</sup>

It was decided that Capt. Parke be informed that he could put up a swing gate provided it were placed on firm ground & at a point passable for horses at all seasons.

The Governor informed the Council that Dr M. Lauchlan had paid up the sum of £30 disallowed for boat hire. It. S. said that under the circumstances of the case he would recommend that sum being repaid to him. Dr Lauchlan had resigns his App't. Notice having been given to him that his engagement as fort. Pilot would terminate at the end of the year.

With regard to a successor It. S. thought Capt. Randolph would take the appointment under new arrangements he proposed to make for his receiving £100 p.a. & devoting the whole of his time to the fort. service for harbor boat & pier duties n. It. S. proposed to appoint him subject to the approval of the R. H. C. the L. S. and the council agreed thereto.

The Governor informed the Council that Mr & Hendrickson & Wither had applied to become naturalized British subjects. The Council saw no objection to their request being complied with.

The Governor states that he had been directed to report on the currency of the Colony, & with a view to this, he appointed Dr. Bailey & D. Hamilton to draw up a report on the coins in circulation as soon as possible.

H.L. said the only matter he had to lay before the Council was a correspondence which has been received from Capt. Packe & C. Bender with reference to roads through Moody Valley Farm, & boundaries etc. Capt. Packe's letter of Oct. 26. thus read as well as letter from Bender of 17 Oct. The Secretary of State's despatch bearing on the statements advanced was also read (Ms. 32 of 25 Nov. 1875) relative to the occupation of suburban lands.

Before however discussing the matter fully H.L. would desire Dr. Bailey to mark upon a chart the lands & thence, the exact boundary of the suburban belt referred to in Governor Harris's Proclamation & in the Sec. of State's despatch, & the boundaries of the farms within the belt and bordering on it - as well as the Common lands reserved for the use of the people of Stanley -

Wise

With regard to the Common land which had been referred to for the people of Stanley, H.L. thought the cheapest & best way of preserving it would be by those persons interested in the matter fencing it in.

H.L. said he had already distributed the new fencing Act to the members. The bill would be brought before the next Legislative Council. It had been framed on the rules in force in most Colonies on this subject. H.L. said he would be glad to hear any objections to any portions of the bill but none were raised.

The Governor then adjourned the Council sine die until plans were prepared of the suburban lands.

Confirmed 21<sup>st</sup> November 1872 } *Merr*  
*H. L. Smith* } Governor  
*J. Clark of formal* }

Executive Council  
21<sup>st</sup> November 1882

Present - H.S. James Kerr  
Hon. Mr Bailey  
" J. Hamilton  
" Dr. Wm. White conf.

The minutes of the last Council held  
on 13<sup>th</sup> Nov. were read & confirmed.

H.S. stated with reference to the  
offer of £50 to Dr. Wm. Dean for use of the  
"Lundy" as Quarantine ship, that he had  
accepted it.

Hon. Mr Bailey in reply, & H.S. informed  
the Council that the Report on the  
Currency was not ready but would  
be in a few days.

With reference to the Moody Valley  
question H.S. said that on the Chart  
prepared as directed by Mr. Bailey, he  
observed that part of Capt. Pack's land  
was within the six mile boundary.  
All the Proclamation Provisions &  
Secretary of State's Despatch declared  
this to be illegal, & he should be glad  
if Mr. Bailey would state by measurement  
on the Chart, the acreage within the  
belt. The further discussion of this  
point must be reserved for a future  
meeting until the necessary information  
could be obtained.

H.E. next said that notice had been given that an Ordinance would be brought in to amend the Port Regulations. In the last Ordinance there was no penalty for the breach of those Regulations & he had therefore prepared the Ordinance (which he read) with which the Council concurred.

H.E. said with reference to landing dutiable goods in the port, H.E. thought it necessary to issue a notice that all goods liable to duty should be landed at the Government Wharf so that they might be under the supervision of the Customs Dept. The landing of such goods at many places led to fraud he feared. The Council agreed and notice was ordered to be published at once.

H.E. said there was a small piece of ground next to Clerkson's Cottag which he proposed to sell at an upset price of £5. The Council concurred & notice was directed to be issued.

The Council was then adjourned by the Governor sine die.

Read & Conformed  
the 1st Dec: 1882

Mess  
Governor

J. J. Smith  
Secretary

Executive Council

1<sup>st</sup> December 1882

Present. H.E. Governor Kerr  
Hon. A. Bailey  
" Hamilton  
" W. Knott C.M.B.

The minutes of the Council of 21<sup>st</sup> Nov.  
were read & confirmed.

H.E. had called the Council together to  
inform them that the R.W.N. the  
Secretary of State for the Colonies had  
approved of the draft Ordinance for  
the introduction of a Land Tax in aid  
of local Revenue.

H.E. read the Secretary of State's despatch  
to the Ordinance to the Council.

H.E. said he had received a letter  
from the Agent of the Falkland Islands  
by, which held a very large area of land,  
on the subject of the land Tax, but  
as the case referred to by him would  
not occur for many years, he did not  
consider the question could now be  
dealt with, but would be a matter  
for consideration when the case  
in point arose.

Hon. A. Bailey handed in the report  
of the Committee on the Currency  
of the colony.

H.E. said it would be necessary  
to give a new Commission of the  
Peace

Somley Falkland Islands  
1<sup>st</sup> December 1802

Sir

In accordance with  
a resolution passed by the  
Governor in Council relating  
to the Currency of this Colony,  
we beg to inform your Excellencies  
Excellency's information that  
after & careful inquiries we  
find little foreign money  
in circulation.

We subjoin a list of foreign  
coins in possession of officers  
people since the value of each

in English money

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A list of foreign coins  
and their value in this colony

American, dollar 1 gold \$2.00

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2½ do. do. 0.10.0

1. do. do. .4.0

60. 1. silver. .04.0

½ do. do. 0.2.0

¼ 25 cents. 1. 1.0

Portuguese. 10 dollars gold. 2.50

5. do. 1.00

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Mexican. dollar. 0.6.0

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" ½ do. 0.2.0

" 20 cents. 0.0.9

10. do. 0.0.6

Franklin. dollar. 0.4.0

½ 25 cents. 0.2.0

French. 5 francs 0.4.0

Chile. 1 peso 0.3.0

20 cent. 0.0.7½

Pérou. 1 peso 0.3.0

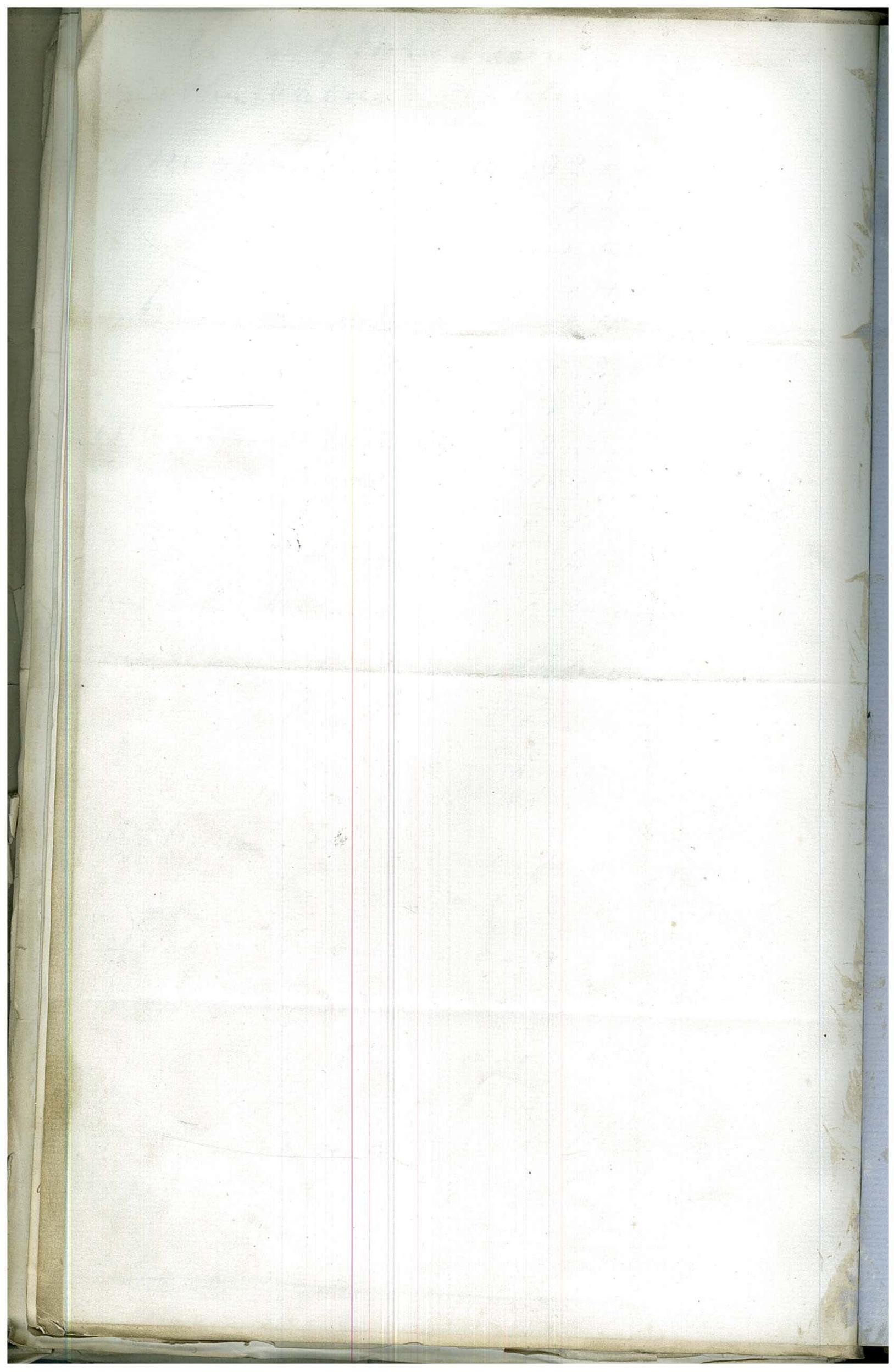
20 cents 0.0.7½

Brazilian Brilões 0.2.0

500 reis 1.0

~~Chinese dollars 1/2 ounce~~





Leave for the Colony to enable Dr. Green  
(Colonial Secretary & Treasurer) to become  
a Member of the Council & to provide for  
the future Administration of the Colony.  
H. S. has also so arranged the names of  
the Gentlemen on the Commission as to  
allow of Mr. C. Dr. Dean becoming a Member  
of the Legislative Council in the absence  
of his brother Mr. G. M. Dean from the Colony  
in which arrangement the Council  
concurred.

The Council was then adjourned  
Sine die.

Read & Confirmed  
this 24 day of January }  
1883.

Kerr

Governor.

H. J. Smith  
A. Clerk of Council