

Executive Council

7th January 1889.

Present. H.R. Governor Ross.

The Honble H. B. L. Cameron

.. .. Dr. S. Hamilton.

.. .. Revd P. E. Brandon.

The Council met pursuant to summons.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

With reference to the minutes which had just been read the Governor thought it necessary to allude to a remark in Mr. Brandon's Reasons for requesting that a statement of the subjects on which the Council was to be consulted should be sent to the members when the Council was summoned viz:- that the Governor is supposed to act with the advice and consent of the Executive Council: H.R. pointed out to the Honble Member that he was in error in this supposition. In the Legislative Council the consent of the majority is essential in every case, but, the Executive Council were required only to advise the Governor on the matters which he brought before them. It was not always expedient to act upon such advice, in which case the Governor's reasons for not so acting were placed on the minutes.

The Principal business before the Council to day was the introduction of a Savings Bank Ordinance. The draft of this Ordinance had already been considered in Council and had

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since been submitted to the Secretary of State for his approval. There were one or two points in the proposed Ordinance which the Secretary of State required to be altered. He was not prepared to sanction a rate of interest higher than 2½ per cent at first, and he required alterations in Sections 10 and 16 the provisions of which should include his approval, and he considered that in the absence of any private Bank the amount of the deposits need not be limited.

He also pointed out that the Regulations should provide for a notice of not less than three months for the withdrawal of sums exceeding £200, and that remittances by means of mercantile Bills should be avoided, and arrangements made if possible, for the purchase of Bills from the Crown Agents payable in Specie in Stanley.

H.R. asked the Council if they thought this a proper Ordinance to be introduced at the next meeting of the Legislative Council, and they unanimously agreed that it was.

A Draft of the Regulations for carrying on the business of the Savings Bank was then laid before the Council by the Governor and they were gone through one by one. It was decided that they should be printed and copies sent to the members for consideration, so that they might be brought forward for adoption or alteration at a meeting to be held for the purpose before the departure of the next mail for England.

An application from the Government Schoolmaster
that

that certain repairs and alteration, should be made to his Quarters was then laid on the table, and after a short discussion it was decided that an estimate of the cost of these Repairs should be prepared and laid before the Council at the next meeting.

Hr. Clerk said that he proposed to send requisitions to the Crown Agents for a crab which and a set of moveable rails and tracks to be used on the Dockyard Jetty, also a set of shear legs and a pile driver, these were all urgently required and he wished to send for them by the next mail. Some more iron piping was required to complete the pipe from the spring to the Reservoir.

Total cost of the Requisition would be about £100-0-0.

The Council were unanimously of opinion that these requisitions should be sent by the next mail.

The Council was then adjourned sine die.

Read & confirmed.

20th January 1888
Mark Kerr.

Acting Clerk to the Council.

Kerr

Governor.

Executive Council.

20th January 1888.

Present. Hr. Governor Gen. C. W. G.

The Hon. Hr. L. Jameson.

... ... Dr. J. Hamilton.

... ... Revd. L. E. Brandreth.

The Council met pursuant to summons, and on the minutes of the last meeting being read

read, the Governor said that the purpose for which he had summoned the Council was to consider the Regulations which he had drawn up for conducting the business of the Savings Bank.

The Regulations prepared by the Governor were then read one by one, and were adopted after some discussion and amendment.

H.R. then asked the Council what security they thought should be given by the Treasurer and his Clerk, and after some discussion it was decided that security in a bond for £1000 should be given by each of them.

It was unanimously agreed by the Council that the Ordinance should not be proclaimed until everything was ready for carrying on the business of the Bank.

It was further agreed that, subject to the approval of the Secretary of State, a salary of £50 a year should be paid to the Treasurer and £30 a year to his Clerk, for their respective services.

The Governor then informed the Council that a bond must be entered into by the Falkland Islands Company, under Section 28 of Ordinance No 10 of 1882 on account of some dutiable goods which they had stored in the bonded warehouse; after a short discussion it was decided that a Bond for £100 should be entered into.

The Governor then read a Dispatch from the Secretary of State, relative to

to the proposal of the Belgian Government for
the formation of an International Customs Tariff
Bureau at Brussels, and asking to be informed
if this Government desired to notify its adhesion,
and send its Customs Tariff to be published in the
collection issued by the International Bureau.

The Council was of opinion that
this should be done.

It is then adjourned the Council sine die.
Read & Confirmed

1st February 1885.

S. P. Markham.

Acting Clerk to the Councils.

W. H. M.

Governor.

Executive Council

14th February 1888

Present H. S. Governor Kerr C.M.S.

Honble H B L Jameson

S Hamilton

The Council met pursuant to summons

The Minutes of the last meeting held on the 20th January were read and confirmed.

H. S. said that he was sorry to inform the Honble members that Mr Brandon was not able to attend this meeting owing to a severe accident that had happened to him.

H. S. then said that an application from Mr Williams to purchase the Harbour frontage to his property (Lot No 27.) ~~it~~ must be in the recollection of Honble members, and also that they had agreed that Mr Williams should be informed that when he made some definite offer for the purchase of this frontage, stating for what purposes he required it and what sum of money he proposed to pay for it, his application would be considered in Council, and if necessary forwarded to the Secretary of State; Mr Williams had on the 10th instant written again on the subject stating that he wanted the foreshore frontage for the purpose of building a private Jetty and that he was prepared to pay £200 for it, adding that his considered this price was in a fair proportion to the

to the price paid by the Falkland Islands Company for their fore shore frontage as the quantity of land they acquired was in proportion to the land he was desirous of buying; he also stated in his letter that the F.I. Company had had the privilege of occupying their frontage (which they had now bought) for 30 years free of Rent or charge.

L.S. explained to the council that this statement of Mr Williams was erroneous as the Falkland Islands Coy & Messrs M'Lean & Sons had been allowed by the Government to erect Letties on the frontages to their properties but only on condition of their being free to the public and that they should be removed when directed to by the Government.

After a short discussion it was decided by the Council that Mr Williams offer of £200 was too small to be entertained or forwarded to the Secretary of State; that he should be informed of this, and that if he chose to petition the Secretary of State on the matter his petition would be forwarded with the Governor's ^{report} ~~recommendation~~ on the subject.

The next matter was an application from Mr Felton to purchase a small triangular piece of land adjoining his property containing 868 links. It was unanimously agreed that this should be sold to Mr Felton for the sum of £2.

The next question was that small piece of land adjoining Mr Lasor's property. Several applications had been made to the Governor for the

The purchase of this land but at the time H.S. was uncertain whether for public reasons it would be advisable to sell; now however the Government had no need of it and as an offer of £50 had been made for the purchase of it H.S. thought that it should be put up for sale by auction with an upset price of £50. which sum had been offered for it. To this the Council unanimously agreed.

The next matter was a proposed exchange of land with the Falkland Islands Company. The Governor explained to the Council that there was a piece of land in the possession of the Company adjoining St. Mary's walk, which it would be desirable to obtain, as then the top row could be extended in a straight line towards the West: this land was of equal area to the frontages to the property of the Falkland Islands Co. on the Fitzroy road.

It was unanimously decided considered advisable by the council to effect this exchange.

The Council next considered a renewed application from Mr. Lewis to purchase the frontages to his property Lots Nos 37 & 37A.

In reply to his previous application Mr. Lewis had been informed that it was not deemed expedient to alienate any foreshore frontages until a sea wall had been built. In the case of the frontages sold to Messrs. Dean & Sons and the Falkland Islands Company a substantial sea wall had been built in each case.

It was agreed by the Council that as no change had taken place since Mr. Lewis' first application he should be informed

informed that this his second application could not be entertained for the same reasons as previously stated.

H. S. — then said there were one or two matters required for the use of the Government he pointed out to the Council that as there was no gauger in the Colony it was desirable there should be a complete set of Imperial measures in the Bonded store and it was agreed by the Council that a complete set of copper ^{measures} from Five (5) Gallons downwards should be sent for.

Some Fencing was also required to fence in the pasture land round the Spring on the hill where the water supply was obtained so as to prevent contamination; it was unanimously agreed by the Council that a calculation of the quantity of Barbed wire fencing required for this purpose together with the tools necessary for the erection of the fence should be sent for at once.

The Governor then said with reference to the proposed alterations to the Government Schoolmaster's Quarters, that before the winter set in, he thought, a stone Block of ^{stone} Steps should be built for a front entrance to these Quarters and that the rest of the proposed alterations should be more fully discussed at some future time.

The Governor then said that he was sorry to have to inform the Council that the sample of old Reservoir water which had been sent for analysis to Dr Frankland had been lost on its transit to England by the breakage of the jar containing it; it was now impossible to send another sample of this water; but he thought that samples of the water now obtained from the spring should be sent for analysis and that Dr Frankland should be asked to state if he thought it necessary or advisable that it should be filtered before use.

The Council unanimously agreed with the Governor's proposition.

The Council then adjourned sine die.

Read and confirmed
this 28 day of February
1888

Nerr
Governor

Henry B. Lanson
Clerk to the Council

Executive Council

28th February 1888

Present H. L. Governor C. M. G.
Honbl. The Colonial Secretary
" " Surgeon

The Minutes of the last meeting held
on the 14th February were read and confirmed.

H. L. said it was now more than a year since
a petition was sent to him from the unofficial members
of council respecting the administration of Justice in
the colony and the iniquity of the Post of Shipping
Master being held by the Police Magistrate.

The Governor then read a despatch from the
Secretary of State in reply to his despatch forwarded
the Petition; and in compliance with the instructions
and in compliance with the instructions contained
in the last paragraph of that despatch he proposed
to appoint Mr H. B. L. Dawson to be shipping Master
in the place of Mr S. Brooks from the 1st March pro.

The average fees received by the shipping master for
the last 4 years averaged £30. per annum and
he proposed subject to the approval of the Secy
of State to pay to Mr Brooks £30 a year in
addition to his salary, as compensation for the
loss of these fees.

The Council unanimously agreed

COPY / Secretary of State for the
Colonies 
for
Governor Kerr.

Falkland Islands
No 20

Downing Street
28th April 1887

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No 14 of the 28th January enclosing a copy of a letter addressed to you by the unofficial members of the Legislative Council on the subject of the administration of Justice in the Colony.

2. You will have the goodness to inform Messrs Dean & Hobl that, while I admit that the combination of the offices of Governor and Judge is in itself undesirable, yet considering the very small amount of judicial work in the Falkland Islands, I do not think that the revenue of the Colony need be burdened with the salary of a separate judicial officer, so long as the Governor is qualified to act as Judge.

You will further point out to them that the appeal to the Governor in council

under the Ordinance of 1853, was
not from the verdict of the jury, but
from the judgment of the magistrates
Court, and that the Chief Justice can,
and no doubt would, order a new trial
in the case of a verdict clearly contrary
to the evidence.

4 In many Colonies the Police
magistrates are not trained lawyers,
and in the Falkland Islands, as there is
~~no appeal to the Chief Justice~~ to the
Chief Justice from all decisions of the
Police magistrate, the expense of which
must be very small, there does not seem to
be much risk of serious injustice from the
want of legal knowledge and training
on the Part of the Police Magistrate.

5 You may ^{however} assure Messrs. Dan & Webb
that whenever the office of Colonial Secretary
becomes vacant, the Secretary of State will
endeavour to select for it a barrister to
who will not only be competent to discharge
the duties of Police magistrate, but also in case
of need to act as Chief Justice.

6 The duties of Shipping Master should be
transferred from the Colonial Secretary & Police
magistrate to the Government Clerk, Mr. Brooks
being compensated for the loss of fees by a small
addition to his salary. I have &

sd) H. Holland.

H. E. said the next matter he had to bring before the Council was the date to be fixed for the opening of the Savings Bank; the Books and forms sufficient to start with had been printed and arrangements had been made with the Sect'y of State for the remittance of money — It would be necessary as soon as the amount likely to be paid at first into the Bank could be ascertained to authorise the Crown Agents to invest a like amount out of such money as they had in their hands belonging to the Colony if sufficient after retaining enough to pay the current expenses in order that there might be no loss of interest on the amount of deposit paid to the Treasurer in the colony.

The Governor suggested sending for the necessary account Books by next mail and that for the present Books might be ruled out page by page as required.

The Governor read the following letter from Mr Blake.

Sir To the Colonial Secretary
Sir.

Hill Cove
Feby. 13th 1888

Can deposits be made now in the Government Savings Bank if not yet how soon is it expected that the arrangement will be perfected with regard to deposits made by camp hands who may not wish to go to Stanley,
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will the bank accept cheques, on the Stanley business houses: this way of depositing will be without doubt, the favourite method in the Camp if it is ~~possible~~

I have &
Y/ Robert Blake.

and after a short discussion it was decided that 2nd April next be fixed as the opening day for the Savings Bank.

- (2) That a short circular be printed and sent out to the principal inhabitants on the West Falkland.
 - (3) That a certain number of Depositors Books be sent to some person on the West Falkland for distribution.
 - (4) That Mr Blake be informed that the name of each Depositor must be signed in his book; and should cheques on local firms be sent in the amount ^{would} ~~should~~ be entered and credited to the depositor when the money should be actually paid into the Bank.
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L. S. then said that the East wing of the Courthouse now occupied by Mr Brooks was in much need of repairs and that he (The Governor) had authorised Mr Lellman (the Carpenter employed by the Government) to do what was necessary.

The work would probably cost £70 and the Government would find it necessary to send for some more Galvanized Iron

roofing, ridging & guttering for that and other purposes; the tank by the side of the front road would be removed to the Court house and new tanks had been sent for for the Barracks and Gaol

The Council agreed

The Governor informed the Council that the Chief Constable had reported to him that the Gaol was in a very bad state and that the doors where they entered the walls were rotten and that he would cause a careful examination to be made and inform the Honble members of the result at a future meeting

D. S. then said that Fencing posts for putting up a fence round the Spring were required the price of such posts here was 2/6 each and the price of those procured from Capt Leemann (vide Voucher No 20 of 14th Novr 1882) was 1/8 each. He thought posts might be got through Captain Willis of the "Allen Gardner" from Tierra del Fuego at a moderate cost

Mr Gallett had also a quantity of timber laying on the Crown land for which he was paying rent at the rate of per running yard and some timber if suitable might be purchased from him.

L. S. then informed the Council that he intended at the next meeting of the Legislative Council to introduce an ordinance to legalize a small excess of expenditure unprovided for last year in the estimates for 1887 under several heads.

Read & Confirmed

9th March 1888

Henry B. Lamison
Clerk to the Council

Kerr
Governor

Executive Council
9th March 1888

Present H.-L. Governor Kerr C.M.G.
Houble. Colonial Secretary
- Colonial Surgeon

The Minutes of the last meeting held on the 28th February last were read and confirmed

H.-L. said he had summoned the Council to ask their advice on the question of a Branch custom house for the West Falkland Island; he read Gov^r? Barkly's despatch of the 12th May 1886 and a despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies dated 24th October 1887 alluding to it. He referred to the minutes of 13th May 1885 and to a despatch written to the Secretary of State in consequence of what passed at that meeting. forwarding a proposed customs ordinance which had been approved by the Secty of State and passed with great opposition from the unofficial members of Council.

Sections 2. 3. 4 of this ordinance had been repealed during his absence in England and whilst on leave he had been called upon to make a further report on the matter when he had recommended the establishment of a Branch custom house on ^{Island} Saunders in Port Egmont, and he read the correspondence on the subject noted in the margin and stated that he had seen Mr Benny, the lessee of Saunders Island, whilst

whilst in London who had offered to rent to the Government a house and garden on Saunders Island, Port Eymout, as a residence for the customhouse officer in consideration of the Government paying rent of £30 per annum and stated his willingness to allow his men on the Island to be employed by the Government as boatmen when required.

All this however Mr Benny had repudiated when sent for to the Colos Crown Agents office to sign the lease and agreement.

The Governor then went through the Collector's report of the shipping entered and cleared on the West Falklands in 1887 and pointed out the irregular way in which this had been carried out. The Secretary of State had asked for a further report and A.-G. did not wish to prepare it until he had laid the matter before the Council. Since Mr Benny's refusal to rent the house on Saunders Island it had occurred to him that Port San Carlos would be a good place to establish a Branch Custom house. There was a good anchorage on both sides - it was well situated with regard to the principal stations on the West Falklands and could be reached overland from Stanley.

A.-G. then read a private letter which he had just received from Mr Cobb on the subject who suggested that the Medical Officer for the West Falklands might perform the duties of Sub Collector.

With regard to the clearing of vessels from ports distant from the Branch Custom

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house & I said it might be arranged that the custom house officer could give the master of the vessel a certificate of clearance to enable him to leave the colony after taking in his cargo at his port of departure.

The question now before them was "Whether a Branch custom house ought to be established on the West Falkland Island or San Carlos?"

and how was the expense connected with such an appointment to be met.

The Governor thought there ought to be a Branch customs house on the West or San Carlos and said it would be as well to wait until the new Doctor for the West Falkland came out before coming to a final decision although he feared that such an appointment would not be convenient or effectual.

The Council agreed with the Governor that A. S. should write to the Secretary of State forwarding all information on the subject and make a further report when more complete information could be obtained.

A. S. then read a despatch, ^{from the Secretary of State} of the 10th Decr last asking for a further report on the subject of a correspondence between ^{the} Royal Navy Forces and the Colonial Office on the question of a plot of land (No 38) granted by Governor D'Arcy to the Roman Catholics for the purpose of a cemetery. The Governor said that as he had reported fully on this matter already a further report would only be a reiteration of the

the former one as no additional information could be obtained.

In the plan sent by Mr Foran (drawn from memory) the eastern boundary of the land claimed was the cemetery wall — The Grant described it as lot No 38 consisting of one acre whereas lot No 38 only contained one rood 24 perches less than half an acre and according to the official plan of the Settlement No 38 was bounded by lot No 37 in the possession of Mr James Lewis on the west and by lot No 39 on the east — and a public road ran up the hill between No 39 and the cemetery.

The Colonial Secretary said he thought if the grant of land for the R Catholic Cemetery was declared invalid that a similar portion should be given to the Roman Catholics for burial purposes in the extension of the cemetery on the other side.

H. L. said that he had in his former report proposed to set apart a sufficient portion of the cemetery for the Roman Catholics.
With regard to the statement made by Mr Foran that the land granted to him was bounded by the cemetery wall, and to the plan drawn memory contained in his letter it did not appear that there was any record in the Government Office to that effect. The Colonial Secretary would make further search after some further discussion After some further discussion the council agreed that when the cemetery was enlarged one acre should be set apart for the Roman Catholics and this reservation be mentioned in the Burial Ordinance

The next matter for the consideration of the Council was the sale of a piece of land to Mr R A Aldridge adjoining his property Lot No 14 near Drury Lane on the road east of the pensioners allotments.

It was decided to sell the land by private sale for £50 under the Provisions of Ordinance No 3 of 1886.

There was also a piece of Crown Land encroached upon by the proprietor of the Rose hotel amounting in all to 10 perches.

It was decided that the owner of the Rose hotel be called upon to pay £5 for this piece of land or remove the building and fence which had been erected on it.

The Council was then adjourned sine die.

Read and confirmed
15th March 1888

Henry B. Cameron
Clerk to the Council

Morr
Governor

Executive Council

15th March 1888

Present H. L. Governor Kerr C M. G.

Howles. The Colonial Secretary

The Colonial Surgeon

The Minutes of the last Council held on the 9th instant were read and confirmed.

H. L. read a letter from Mr F. L. Cobb M.L.C applying for 12 months leave of absence

The Council unanimously agreed with the Governor that leave should be granted to Mr Cobb.

The Governor read a report from Messrs Biggs and Sellman two experienced carpenters on the condition of the Gaol which, H. L. said appeared from that report to be in a very bad state and he would bring the matter again before the Council when some definite plan could be arrived at for insuring the safety of the Building

H. L. then laid on the table an abstract of the Revenue and Expenditure for last year which would also be laid before the Executive Legislative Council.

The Council then adjourned sine die

Read & confirmed

This 11th day of April 1888

Henry Blawes

Clerk of the Council

Her
Governor

Executive Council
11th April 1888

Present

H. S. Governor Kerr C.M.G.
Honble the Colonial Secretary
Colonial Surgeon

The Minutes of the last meeting held on the 15th March were read and confirmed.

H. S. said he had summoned the Council to lay before them a report by Mr Tumber on the condition of the Gaol. The report of Messrs Biggs & Lellman contained no suggestions as to repairs and Mr Tumber had stated he could form no estimate from their report, and had asked to be allowed to examine the Gaol himself; he (the Governor) had given orders to admit him all over the Building and this report and suggestions for the repairs had now come in.

The Governor read the report and said it appeared ^{that} the East & West walls of the Building were separating through the strain and weight of the roof, and that the rottenness of the ends of the joists was caused by their not being properly protected when the Gaol was built.

H. S. then read Mr Tumber's suggestions for securing and strengthening the Building and said he thought this statement very exact and complete and he laid these suggestions before the Council for their consideration — He thought himself it would be better to take the measurements of the Building and send for a sufficient number of Iron

Iron tie-rods as recommended by Mr Tumber,
who should be asked to prepare the detailed
requisitions to procure them through the Crown
Agents.

The Col^t Secy suggested getting an estimate
from Mr Tumber of what he would contract
to do the work for.

After some discussion the Council
^{with the Governor} agreed,—"That Mr Tumber be asked to give
"a detailed statement of the length and dimensions
"of iron and quantity of materials required;
"and also to give an estimate of what he would
"contract to do the work for - The Government
"not binding itself to accept his tender."

It was also agreed that Mr Tumber should be
paid £5.5.0 for the whole of the service he had rendered
including the details of the order for materials and
the preparation of his estimate

A. S. then informed the council that he
had marked out for sale certain lots of land
belonging to the Crown on the south side of St Mary's
walk at the upset price of £1.. 0.. 0 per perch;

These lots were ten in number and would
be put up for sale by auction on the second. (2nd)
May next.

The Council then adjourned sine die.

W^m H^r M^r

Read & Confirmed this
8th May 1888

Henry B. Jameson
Clerk to the Council

W^m H^r M^r
Governor

Executive Council

8th May 1888

Present. H. S. Governor Kerr C.M.G.
 Honble. Col^t. Secretary
 " " Surgeon
 " & Revd " Chaplain

The Minutes of the last council held on the 9th April were read and confirmed

H. S. informed the council that he had received an application for the purchase of a small piece of land lying between St Mary's Walk and Land in the possession of J. J. Halliday - it contained 18 Perches and was a corner piece and the applicant was willing to buy it for £20 - he proposed to put it up for sale by Public Auction at £20 upset price.

The Col^t Chaplain asked by what rule H. S. was guided in fixing the upset price of Town land.

The Governor said he was guided by the market value of Town land which was sometimes as high as £200 per acre and it was better that ~~the~~ the Government should obtain its full value by fixing a fair upset price, ^{that} that it should be bought below its value for purposes of speculation.

The next subject H. S. had to lay before the Council was the amendment of the regulations of the Government Savings Bank.

Bank — The Governor read a despatch from the Secretary of State on the subject and his reply to it by last mail, and proposed the adoption of the suggestion of the Secretary of State of fixing a notice of two days for sums under ten pounds, but that for all sums over that amount a uniform notice of Seven days would be best, and if the funds in the chest were insufficient payment might be made by Bills of Exchange at par on the Crown Agents at thirty days sight — these Bills would readily be bought from the holders by the small traders in Stanley and be as good as cash and to prevent an improper use being made of the Bank by traders lodging money for the purpose of obtaining Bills of Exchange — he would have it optional with the Governor to pay in cash or by Bill according to circumstances — he proposed therefore to amend rule 18 as follows. — viz —

"No money shall be withdrawn from the Government Savings Bank without previous notice to the Treasurer and such notices shall be as follows:— For any sum not exceeding Ten pounds — Two days — For sums exceeding Ten pounds — Seven days.

"Provided always that in the case of the withdrawal of any sum exceeding Fifty pounds, payment may be made by a Bill of Exchange at par drawn by the Governor on the Crown Agents for the Colonies in London payable Thirty days after sight, or in cash from the Treasury Chest at the discretion of the Governor. In case of payment by Bill of Exchange the withdrawal will be complete on the day of the date of such Bill"

The Council agreed with the Governor.

The other amendments to Section 11 - viz. taking out the words "by the Treasurer" and changing the word "Treasurer" into the form of warrant to "Governor" were also agreed to.

The next matter ~~of~~ - ? had to bring to the consideration of the Council was the establishment of regulations for the Government schools. The School Inspector had applied for a clear definition of the duties of himself and the Schoolmaster.

Some two years ago the latter had been told to send all correspondence through the Colonial School Inspector to the Colonial Secretary and on several occasions he had not done so.

The Governor ^{read} the rules he had drawn up and asked the Council if they had any suggestions to offer.

Mr Brandon asked if the matter could be laid over until a future meeting so that he could send in in writing some points he wished embodied in these rules.

This was agreed to.

The first rules were directed to be sent to the school inspector for his confidential report and suggestions.

H. S. Khan said the amount realized by the sale of School materials requisites for the years 1884 1885 & 1886 had been £ 21. 8. 7 £ 29. 4. 0 £ 29. 0. 1 respectively and

and in 1887 it had fallen to £9.17. showing a decrease of £20. in the sale of School materials — he would call upon the Colonial Secretary & Treasurer to ascertain the value of School materials sent for, and he would require an explanation through the School Inspector of the cause of the decrease of School materials sold.

The Governor then informed the Council that at the next meeting of the Legislative Council he intended to introduce "An Ordinance to prevent and punish the issue & use of imitation postage stamps."

The Council then adjourned sine die

Herr.

Gouverneur

Read & Conformed
this 18th May 1888

Henry Blaikie
Clerk to the Council

Executive Council
18th May 1888

Present.

Governor Kerr & M.R.

The Honbl. Colonial Secretary

" Colonial Surgeon

" Revd. Colonial Chaplain

The Minutes of the Council held on the
8th instant were read and confirmed.

H.S. said that a letter had been received from the Government Schoolmaster in reply to one which had been written to him requiring him to explain the extraordinary falling off in the sale of School materials from an average of £29 in the years 1884, 1885 & 1886 to £9 in 1887.

The Governor read the letter and said he thought the Council would agree with him that the explanation was very unsatisfactory.

M^r Brandon said he had ^{told} the schoolmaster he would report him should he order out requisites on his own account (when it came to his knowledge 2 years ago that he had done so) and the schoolmaster had stated his intention of not doing so again.

After some discussion it was decided that the schoolmaster's reply was unsatisfactory and that he should be called on to state for the information of the Governor in Council what materials he supplied the children with and

and also he be asked how often he had got school requisites from home on his own account and that he should be informed that his selling school materials is trading which by the Colonial regulations Government officers were forbidden to engage in

H. S. then read the rules and regulations for the Government schools and the points suggested by the School Inspector and the rules were then considered and agreed on and directed to be printed - copies to be sent to the Schoolmaster and Schoolmistress & Published for General Information.

The Governor then said the next matter he had to lay before the Council was an application from Mr Chas Hansen the lessee of Carcase & Jason Islands for a license for the seal fishery for the islands leased by him for four years when his lease of the Islands would expire.

Mr Hansen's application was read and in it he offered to pay either £20 a year or a royalty of 9/- per skin for every fur seal and 6/- for every hair seal killed.

H. S. had told Mr Hansen he would consider his application in Executive Council and inform him of the decision arrived at

H. S. referred to a confidential correspondence with Lord Derby on the subject of Seal Licenses and said that at the close of that correspondence he had informed the Secretary of State

of state that although he thought it inexpedient to resort to penal legislation, he would issue licenses to persons applying for them and he pointed out to the Council that in former times a considerable revenue had accrued to the Government from the issue of these licenses £80 a year being paid for license for the Volunteers fishery and £50 a year for the Seal Rocks in Port William

It was decided that a license might be granted to Mr Chas Hansen for four years to fish on the shores of the Islands leased by him during the open season (terminable by either party at a years notice to be dated from the 30th March in any year) that the sum to be paid for this license be fixed at £80 per annum and that it commence from the 1st April 1882.

Kerr
Governor

Read and confirmed
this 15th day of June
1882

Lewry B. Lameson
Clerk & the Council

Executive Council.

15th June 1888

Present.

H. E. Governor Her C M S.

Honble The Colonial Secretary

" " Colonial Surgeon

" " Chaplain " " Chaplain

The Minutes of the last meeting held on the
18th May were read and confirmed.

H. E. said before proceeding to the business
of the day he wished to make some remarks
with reference to the duties and obligations of
the members of Council — a meeting
of Council which had been summoned for
yesterday did not take place in consequence
of the absence of members although the hour
for meeting had been fixed for 11.30 to suit
the convenience of the Colonial Surgeon.

It was most important that the members of Council
should attend and advise the Governor when
summoned to do so in council.

A letter from Dr Hamilton had been sent in just
before the time of meeting yesterday stating vaguely
that he could not attend on the ground of
professional duties & H. E. had directed the
Clerk to write and ask for more explicit
information — The Governor then read
Dr Hamilton's letter as well as the reply to the
Clerk and said he thought Dr Hamilton's conduct
very unsatisfactory and his letter in answer to
that written by the Clerk wanting in respect

D^r Hamilton to the Clerk to the Council

June 14th 1888.

Copies

Sir

I have the honour to request that you will inform H. S. the Governor that in consequence of urgent professional business that I will be unable to attend at the meeting of council this morning.

I have re
d^r Sam^t Hamilton

The Clerk of the Council to Dr Hamilton

Council Chamber

Stanley Falkland Islands

14th June 1888.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter excusing your attendance at the council meeting summoned for to-day on the plea of professional business and I am directed by H. S. to enquire the nature of the professional business which you state prevents you from attending the meeting of council.

I have re

Henry P. Jameson

Clerk to the Council

D^r Hamilton to the Clerk to the Council.

Stanley, 15th June 1888

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 14th wherein H. S. wishes to know the nature of my professional Business

business.

I am really much surprised as His Excellency must be fully aware of what constitutes my professional business from the position that I hold in this Colony

I have &
St / I Hamilton

Dr Hamilton interrupted the Governor while speaking, and was called disorder — H — ? — continued — It was the duty of every member of a council of Government not only to give his best advice to the Governor when called upon to do so but to assist him in every way, and in any case in which his own opinion was at variance with the action of the Government, he was bound to observe a strict reticence and not to embarrass the Executive by any public expression of dissent. One of the subjects which he ~~had~~ intended to have considered in Council yesterday was the case of dutiable goods having been landed from the ss "Mithdale" at an outport in a manner contrary to law. That vessel had been entered in due form at Spring Point before a Justice of the Peace who had written to inform Mr Greenshields at Salvador and Mr Cameron at San Carlos of the fact. Both of them having dutiable goods on board, and these goods were landed without due declaration and prepayment of duties and without permit. Mr Greenshields had been convicted

convicted before the Police Magistrate and ordered to pay a fine of £5 - and to forfeit the goods. Mr Greenshields had applied to the Governor for a remission of the fine and before deciding on the matter he had intended to bring the matter before Council - although he had ~~the~~ power to exercise the prerogative of remitting the fine in his own discretion, but as this was a matter of great importance and the irregularities in the working of the Customs Ordinance were so serious, that he wished to give the case the publicity of having it placed on the Committee of Council.

Failing to procure a meeting of Council yesterday - he had sent for Mr Greenshields and after explaining to him the serious nature of the error he had (no doubt in ignorance) committed and the necessity for upholding the conviction as an example to others and to prevent future breaches of the law, he had reduced the fine to £5.0 - and released the goods from forfeiture and for this Mr Greenshields had expressed himself thankful —

~~H.E.~~ — then said that it had come to his knowledge that while the prosecution in this case was proceeding - Dr Hamilton had loudly & publicly expressed his opinion that the prosecution was unjust and that as the duties had subsequently been paid it was illegal and had made other remarks of an unseemly nature with reference to the case of Mr Cameron. as Mr Cameron's case

Pagan
Greenshields
Wrench of
Customs Ordinance

had not yet come on for hearing he would not attempt to prejudice it, or make any remarks respecting it, except to state the fact that about three years ago he had become liable to prosecution for a breach of the Customs Ordinance, for which he had expressed extreme regret and pleaded his ignorance, ^{as an excuse}, and although no prosecution had been entered against him he had no excuse if he again committed a similar offence.

H.-S. - Then went on to say that Dr Hamilton's conduct as the oldest member of council in making the remarks in public in these cases (which has been attributed to him) was most reprehensible as not only tending to embarrass the Executive but to mislead ignorant persons — He desired to express his disapproval in order that it might be recorded in the proceedings of the council.

Dr. Hamilton spoke excitedly about his professional duties in a general way and had to be called to order by the Governor, to whom he addressed himself in a disrespectful manner, ~~saying "unknow"~~ and H.-S informed him that if he continued such conduct it would be necessary to remove him from the Council.

H.-S. then said he would permit no further discussion on this subject and if Dr Hamilton had anything ~~more~~ to state he must do so in writing.

H. E. said the first matter he had to lay before the Council was an application from Mr J Doherty for a Sealing License.

Mr Doherty's application was read and no offer was mentioned in it.

The Governor thought that as half the season was over a license might be granted to Mr Doherty for £10.0.0. to fish until the 1st October on the Volunteer rocks only.

After some discussion this was agreed to.

Dr Hamilton was at this time called to attend a patient and left the Council by permission of the Governor.

The Governor then said that the next matter he wished to lay before them was a letter from the Schoolmaster Inspector enclosing one from the Schoolmaster date 7th instant having reference to certain Rules in the School regulations and it was decided with regard to Rule 2 that the Schoolmaster should be informed that he was mistaken in his interpretation of it and that if any child came late to school his (or her) name must be entered on the Books as being late with the excuse if any, but it does not mean that such child should be excluded from the school for the $\frac{1}{2}$ day and that if the parents of any child wished to remove the child during school hours such withdrawal must be allowed and entered in the Books, but that the master or mistress should not of themselves sanction lateness in attendance, ^{or departure} during school hours.

2 With regard to the difficulty raised by the Schoolmaster about the preparation of his accounts he should be informed that the School fees and accounts must be made up to the last day in the last week preceding pay day in each month

3 That no monthly half holiday can be granted except specially by the Governor in writing should he deem it expedient to do so, on a proper application being made to him.

4 That Mr Durose could keep his accounts in the form he had drawn up until the new Books ordered had arrived

The next matter the Governor had to lay before the Council was an application from the office Messenger for an increase of salary.

After some discussion the Governor said he would suggest to the Secretary of State that Coulson should be paid for overtime - Sundays in the Post Office Work.

The Council agreed

The Council then adjourned sine die
Read and confirmed

This 29th day of June
1888

George Dawson
Clerk to the Council

Wm Kerr
Governor

Copied up to date
John B. Dawson
Post Office
1888

Executive Council.

29th June 1888.

Present

H. L. Governor Kerr C M G.

Honble. Colonial Secy

" Colonial Surv'

" Revd. Colonial Chap"

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

H. L. remarked generally on the ineffective working of the customs ordinance and read a memorial from Mr Cameron of San Carlos complaining of the difficulty of complying with its provisions.

He said he would bring it before the Council for their advice at some future meeting as it was necessary to devise some means of making the ordinance work better.

The Governor then said some more light steel rails would be required for the dockyard as those sent out were insufficient for the purpose required — he proposed to send an order by next mail for an additional quantity about three tons — in order to run a permanent tramway to the dockyard fence straight up from the Jetty with a switch to enable trucks to be brought down to the Government store the total cost which would be about £30.

The Council agreed with the Governor that this was a fit and proper expenditure — The council was then adjourned sine die —

Read and confirmed this 27th day of August 1888

Henry B. Jameson

Clerk to the Council

Kerr
Governor

Executive Council

27th August 1888

Present. H. S. Governor Kerr C M G.

The Honble the Colonial Secretary

Colonial Surgeon

& Revd. Colonial Chaplain

The Minutes of the last meeting held on
the 29th June were read and confirmed.

H. S. said he had summoned the Council
to lay before them 2 ordinances - copies of which
had been furnished to the members. The First
one was a supplementary appropriation ordinance
for the present year.

The sum of £41. 14. 0 for Establishments
was on account of extra salaries for the management
of the Savings Bank.

£250 under the Head of Revenue Services
was for the expense of a new Pilot Boat which would
probably arrive out here on the 5th October next.

Under the Head of Works & Buildings there was
a sum of £500 - £300 of which would be required
for the repair of the Gaol - The remainder would be
expended in building a small Jetty for boats and
a sea wall opposite the "First & Last" Hotel and
enclosing the ground round the Spring.

The sum of 8/- for interest was due
on an overdraft by the Crown Agents which
would probably be charged in their account
this year.

The second ordinance was the appropriation ordinance and Estimates for 1889 — H. S. referred to the head of Works & Buildings for which a sum of £1500 had been put down in the ordinance — Under this head the freight of goods shipped from England had to be provided — Several of the Public Buildings required re-roofing and the Governor proposed to erect round the Gaol a wall of corrugated Iron on account of its being so exposed and in case of any execution taking place.

A Public Landing Place was also to be considered but for this purpose a sum of £2000 had already been invested and a special vote would have to be taken for it.

In answer to a question by the Colonial Chaplain H. S. — said that the Secretary of State had objected to freight for Supplies to Public Works being charged under the head of Transport and had directed that it should be charged under the head of Public Works which would in future be done, hence there was a decrease in the vote for Transport and an increase in that for Works & Buildings

The next subject H. S. had to lay before the Council was an application by R. J. Allan for a Publican's license.

The Governor referred to the case of Prior who had applied for a license for the "Prince of Wales" hotel on 13th May 1885, which had been refused on the ground that the number of houses already licensed was more than sufficient for

the small population of Stanley.

The Council should now take into consideration the increased population in Stanley since that meeting.

The Colonial Secretary thought that as the population had increased so much the license might be granted.

The Colonial Surgeon and the Colonial Captain opposed the license on the grounds that there were enough Public Houses in the place.

Decided — That Mr Allan be informed that the Governor in Council consider that his application for a license should not be granted — the majority of the Council being opposed to it, on the ground that a previous application had been refused because it was not expedient to increase the number of publican's licenses.

The Governor informed the Council that a verbal application had been made by Manuel Pereira for permission to convert his schooner the "Lucutuga" into a landing place or Jetty in front of his premises near Hele street. but as an application from Mr Lewis to be allowed to construct a private jetty in that vicinity had been refused and it had been decided that a landing place ^{for Boats} should be provided by the Government, — Mr Pereira's application was also refused — and he had since offered to sell his Schooner to the Government for £15 to be converted into a Jetty — as however the schooner had not yet been floated and surveyed no steps had yet been taken in the matter and it seemed very unlikely that

that the old vessel in question could be made use
of for a jetty. It was quite possible
however the thought — to make a small jetty
with piles and rough stone at a small outlay.

The Council was then adjourned
 sine die.

Kerr

Governor

Read & confirmed
 this 6th day of
 September 1888

Henry B. Lameson

Clerk to the Council

Executive Council

6th September 1888

Present. A. S. Governor Kerr C M G.
Honble. The Colonial Secretary
" " Surgeon
" Read. Chaplain

The Minutes of the last Council held on the 26th August last were read and confirmed.

A. S. said that at the last meeting copies of the Estimates were not ready but since then they had been forwarded to the members and he asked if Honble members desired to make any suggestions with regard to them

Mr Brandon asked if any sum was estimated for the passage of persons falling in distress in the Colony, to Monte Video or Punta Arenas

The Governor said that was provided for under "unforeseen expenses" a subhead of Miscellaneous Services.

It was then decided that the Estimates should be laid before the Legislative council on the 17th instant.

The Governor then said the next subject he had to bring before the Council was an ordinance to make provision for enlarging the cemetery and appointing a Burial Board. The framing of an Ordinance for this purpose had been suggested to him by the Colonial Chaplain some two years ago and subsequently the Secretary of State had forwarded to him for his report thereon certain

Letters

Letters from the Revd Mr Foran ^{Roman Catholic Priest} concerning a grant of land for a cemetery for the Roman Catholics to the West of the present cemetery which had been irregularly made by a former Governor H. S. read a despatch he had written on the subject (No. 87 of 14th July 1887) in which he had informed the Secretary of State of the expediency of Legislation as was now proposed.

This ordinance had been framed on the Imperial Statutes in force in England and he asked the Honble members if they had any remarks to make on the ordinance.

Mr Brandon said he did not think the ordinance gave sufficient power to the Governor.

Decided that a clause be introduced providing that "No Bye Laws promulgated by the Burial Board have "the force of Law until approved by the Governor "in council".

Mr Brandon said with regard to Section 3 there was no limit to the term of office of the two members appointed by the Governor.

In Section 7 could not the Month of "December" be changed to that of "January"

In Section 9. were the Burial Board bound to keep the chapel (supposing one was built by the Roman Catholics in the cemetery) in repair?

Section 14 stated that "The Sexton shall be under the authority of the Board and shall if so required be "the clerk of the Board" — and that ^{the} present salary of the Sexton was only £10 per annum, which would be too small should he hold the combined offices.

Section 17 Under what law was this section framed

framed.

Section 19 could two of the members of the Board make a grant of a site for a grave without reference to the other members.

Would the Board have power under Section 27 to remove railings &c from the Cemetery.

Decided

That the words "from time to time" be inserted after the word Governor in Section 3.

That the financial year should end on the 30th September in each year so as to permit of the accounts coming in in December. ^{Section 7}

That the Burial Board was bound to keep all buildings inside the cemetery walls in repair. ^{Section 9}

That the office of Clerk to the Burial Board might be joined with another office so that the person performing the duties of both offices would receive sufficient salary in addition to the fees under the Ordinance. ^{Section 14}

A. E. explained that the provisions of Section 17 were according to the English law, but that railings and enclosures might be added to gravestones &c.

That no grant could be issued unless passed by the Board at a meeting (the Quorum being Three) ^{Section 19} but that such grant must bear the Signatures of at least two members of the Board to legalize it.

That the words "Railings and other enclosures" be added after the words "inscription" ^{Section 27} in this section

It was also decided to add a clause stating that in no case shall the provisions of this ordinance annul the powers given to the Board of Health.

H. S. also explained with reference to clause 4. That it was necessary to fix the dates for the meetings of the Board that persons might know when to apply for sites for graves and for other business.

The Governor also referred to the size of the graves and said he thought the price ought to be fixed for the minimum size of graves, and that any addition to the minimum size ought to be charged for at a very much higher rate so as to prevent persons ~~buying~~^{bring} up larger quantities of Land in the Cemetery than was absolutely necessary.

H. S. then informed the Council that he had been applied to by the shareholders in a projected company for building an assembly room in Stanley - to introduce an Ordinance to incorporate the Company - A draft of the ordinance had already been printed and with slight alterations would answer the purpose - He proposed to add a section giving the company power to borrow money on the security of the property created by them - This ordinance he proposed to introduce in the Legislative Council at their next meeting

Mr Brandon asked would the shareholders see a copy of the ordinance before it was laid before the Council?

H. S.

H. G. said he would send a copy to
the Secretary of the Company as soon as it
was ready

H. G. then read an application from Mr
W. W. Bertrand lessee of Roycove station
applying for a license of occupation
of Beuse Islets, Port North. adjoining his
~~property~~ station

Decided That Mr Bertrand be allowed
to rent these Islets at a rental of £1 -
per annum (as in the case of Fanning
Island granted to W. K Cameron.

The Governor then said he had received a
petition asking that a certified midwife and
nurse might be sent out to the Colony also
a protest against it from Mrs Wilkinson
who acted in that capacity at present.

H. G. said it had been represented to him by the
Colonial Surgeon that the subject of this petition
was a work long felt and he would
forward it to the Secretary of State.

The Council was then adjourned sine die

Read & Conformed
this 8th day of December
1888

Henry B. Jameson
Clerk to the Councils

Merr
Governor

Executive Council

8th December 1888

Present

H. S. the Governor

Honble the Col^t Secretary

Surgeon

Rev^d. - - chaplain

The minutes of the last meeting held on
the 6th September last were read and confirmed.

H.S. said he wished to bring to the notice
of the Board a letter which had been received
from Dr Going relative to the landing on the
West Falklands of persons afflicted with
infectious diseases - Sections 3 & 4

of the Quarantine Ordinance of 1875 gave the
Governor power to make rules and appoint officers
but he would request the Board of Health as
soon as a full meeting could be summoned
to prepare rules and regulations with reference
to the arrival of vessels which might probably
bring infectious diseases to ports other than Stanley

In the meantime he would appoint Dr Going
as Health Officer for the West Falklands and
inform him that instructions would be forwarded
as soon as Rules were framed

H.S. then said his attention had been
drawn to Rule No 19 in the Port Regulations
some difficulty having arisen lately in
the case of a master of a Danish Barque
wanting

Barge wanting Ballast and to avoid any such cases again arising he proposed to amend the rule as follows -

"No person shall take Shingle, sand or Stone for Ballast or otherwise from the beach in Stanley Harbour without first obtaining permission from the Harbour master and prepayment of the sum of 5/- per ton to the Colonial Treasurer for the Service of the Colony."

Decided that the rule be amended as above.

The Governor read applications from messrs Bernard Stickney + R Blake for permission to sell Tobaccos to their employés under the provisions of the Tobacco ordinance 1878 and a letter from Mr Goodhart enclosing a copy of a permission for that purpose from Mr Bailey (Acting Governor at the time) to Mr. Edward Packe lessee of West Foc Bay Station dated 29th May 1878

Mr. - said circulars had been sent round the Islands to enquire about the sale of liquors and when answers to these were received he would bring the matter again before the council.

The Council then adjourned sine die

Read and confirmed
This 26th December 1888

Henry Blamey
Governor

Henry Blamey
Clerk of the Council

Executive Council

26th December 1888

Present.

H. S. Governor Kerr
 H. S. Colonial Secretary
 Colonial Surgeon

The Minutes of the last Meeting held on the 8th instant were read and confirmed.

H. S. said he had summoned the Council for consultation in consequence of a report he had received from the Health Officer stating that two cases of yellow fever had occurred on board S. M. S. Swallow which had arrived that morning.

The Colonial Surgeon produced the Bill of Health from the port of Rio de Janeiro. This document stated that the condition of the Port was healthy but a few cases of yellow fever had occurred in the city of Rio de Janeiro.

The "Swallow" had left on the 13th instant one man was taken ill two days afterwards and another two days after that. There were no other cases one was convalescent on the 16th instant and the other had died on the 18th. This last was the case he had to deal with and according to section 15 of the Quarantine ordinance fourteen days from the date the sickness had ceased was the time fixed for Quarantine.

He therefore thought that S. M. S. "Swallow" might be released from Quarantine on the morning of the 1st January 1889.

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The Council agreed with the Governor
who said that he would make an order
accordingly.

The Council then adjourned sine die

Read and confirmed
this 21st day of
January 1889

Henry
Governor

Henry B. Jameson
Clerk of the Council

Executive Council
21st January 1889

Present

H. S. Governor Kerr C M S
Honbl. The Colonial Secretary
Colonial Surgeon
Rev'd the colonial Chaplain

The minutes of the last meeting held
on the 26th December 1888 were read and confirmed.

H. S. said he would lay before the Council
the substance of some despatches which he
had recently received from the Secretary of State
having reference to legislation.

He had been instructed to introduce the
following, —

1st The Merchandise Marks ordinance — This
ordinance was in the hands of the Printer
and he would bring it again before the
Council when completed.

2nd The extension to this colony of Part of the
Criminal Law Amendment ^{in the form of an Ordinance} ~~act~~ This
ordinance was in course of preparation.

3rd With reference to the compulsory attendance
of children at the Government schools — H. S.
said he would forward the Elementary Education
Act to the School Inspector and request him
to suggest such portions of it having reference to
the compulsory attendance of children at school
as would be applicable to this colony.

4th Concerning a grant of £ 200 in aid of
the Church Building fund for which the

Secretary

Secretary of State sanctioned a vote being taken chargeable on the sum of £2000 received for the ~~Sale~~^{Sale} of Land in Stanley and now invested to the credit of the Colony.

5th Concerning the introduction of an Ordinance fixing a qualification of £10 per annum for persons liable to serve as Jurors — and for the abolition of Coroners Inquests and the substitution of an inquisition by the Police Magistrate or two Justices.

6th The amendment of the Customs Consolidation Ordinance 1882 in so far as it applied to the West Falkland and other out-ports and the repeal of Ordinance No 3 of 1885 — In the proposed ordinance. The words "Justices of the Peace" in Section 37 of the Ordinance of 1882 would be changed to "Officer of Customs" — It also might be necessary to appoint an additional Officer of Customs on the West Falklands, who might be styled "Sub-assistant Collector of Customs" — The ordinance also contained a provision for the payment of moderate tonnage dues by vessels going direct to the out-ports without coming to Stanley.

7th H. S. had also received a despatch enclosing a letter from Messrs Laidlaw & Co of Glasgow complaining that Tobacco powder sent out for sheep wash (prepared especially in bond and free from duty in England) was charged as dutiable in the Falkland Islands.

The Secretary of State had instructed him to amend the Customs ordinance so as to admit it duty free.

A.S. then informed the Council that Her Majesty's gracious allowance and assent had been given to the appropriation ordinance and Estimates for 1889 to the Supplementary appropriation ordinance for 1888 and the assembly room ordinance and permission was granted to the Colonial Chaplain and Schoolmaster to act as directors of the Company should they be elected. The grant of a site for the assembly room for the upset price of £10 had also been approved.

The Secretary of State had signified his approval of the Cemetery Ordinance provided the words "Established Church" were changed to "Church of England" and in appointing the Burial Board one of the members ^{that} ~~of it~~ should be a Roman Catholic.

The Governor then said that Manuel Pereira had raised the Schooner "Lucutugu" which had been sunk in the harbour and was the subject of discussion in council on the 27th August 1888 and now having offered to sell her to the Government for £10 his offer had been accepted and the purchase made — as soon as the masts were taken out of her the bulk would be brought alongside the Dockyard Jetty to be used as required.

A.S. then referred to Dr Goings application for information as to his duties as Health Officer for the West Falklands which came before the Executive Council on the 8th December last and said the President of the Board of Health had been requested

to

to summon a meeting to consider and report on the subject. — A meeting of the Board of Health had been summoned in accordance with the instructions contained in the Colonial Secretary's letter of the 2nd instant and as these instructions were to be regarded as commands His Excellency was very much surprised and pained to find they had been disregarded by the Colonial Surgeon — He hoped it would not occur again.

The Colonial Surgeon said the Governor had told him that meetings of the Board of Health were summoned at his (The President's) discretion and through the absence of Mr Zellon (one of the members) in the camp and his own inability through ill health no meeting had been held so far — he had spoken privately to the members and they thought no meeting was necessary.

He replied that the calling of a meeting for ordinary business was in the discretion of the President, but when it was directed by the Governor to be called for a special purpose it should have been called without ^{any} delay.

The Governor then said that the old wooden building used as a guardroom was in want of extensive repairs and he thought it would be cheaper to build a new one of stone with two cells attached. From inquiries he had made, he thought that

the

The cost of a suitable Building would be about £160 but when he obtained more exact estimates of probable cost he would lay them before them.

The Council agreed with the Governor that a good and suitable building should be put up at the cheapest outlay.

The Council was then adjourned
Sine die

Read and confirmed
this 13th February 1889
Henry B L Jameson
Clerk to the Councils

Merr
Governor