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Falkland Islands Company.

Preliminary Meeting

April 30. 1854.

at 1 Charlotte Row, Mansions House.

Present

Mr. Boutcher	1 Charlotte Row - City
" John Hackblock	Road Lane
" Alex. Ross Lafone	Liverpool
" Fr. Bischoff	19 Coleman Street
" W ^m Law Ogilby	Ingram Court, Fenchurch St.
" George Lyall junr	Winchester House - Old Broad St.
Sir George Sartorius	Genl United Service Club
W. W ^m Mortimore	Champion Hill
" James Dr. Cummins	34 Abchurch Lane
" Tho ^s Winkworth	Gresham Club
" Fras. Ede	Great Winchester Street
" Fisher	Gresham Club
" E. Boutcher	1 Charlotte Row, City
" Ad. Heinsen	Antwerp
" Rich ^d Swift	98 Hatton Garden
" Tho ^s Ross	The Manor House, East Acton
" Rob. Alex. Gray	St. Swithin's Lane.

Chair taken by Mr. Boutcher Senr.

Vice chair by Mr. George Lyall junr.

Mr. Lafone's proposal to sell his grant at the Falkland Islands to a Company for £30000 and to take shares in said Company to the extent of £20000 of which 50 per cent should be declared paid up by his receiving only £20000 in money and the advantages which would

accrue from an extension of the operations already commenced by him upon his grant were explained to the meeting.

A Report of Mr. Lafone's proceedings at the Falkland Islands between December 1849 and December 1850 inclusive was read to the meeting.

Moved by Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Lyall junr and unanimously agreed:

that a Committee of Investigation be appointed to Enquire into the merits of Mr. Lafone's proposal and report Thereon to an adjourned meeting and ^{that} the Committee be required to call this meeting together again so soon as ^{they} shall have agreed upon their Report

The following Gentlemen were then appointed and consented to form the Committee with leave to any other gentleman present to join it-

Mr. James John Cummins

Mr. George Lyall Junior

Mr. John Shackblock.

Sir. George Sartorius

Mr. Thomas Wentworth

Mr. Thomas Rops

Mr. Wm. Law Ogilby

The Committee appointed to meet on Monday the 5th May at 3 o'clock and the meeting adjourned.

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Falkland Islands Company.

Adjourned Meeting

May 17. 1851.

at Charlotte Row, Mansion House.

Present.

- Mr. Jas I. Cummins
- " Wm Boucher.
- " Fr. Ricketts.
- " Fisher
- " C. Rhodes
- " Wm Mortimore
- " John Stackblock
- " B Field
- " Thos Shepperson
- " Rich. Swift
- " Jno Cox
- " AR Lafont

Moved by Mr. Boucher

that Mr Cummins do take the Chair
Chair taken accordingly

Report of Committee of Investigation
handed in and read to the Meeting by Mr Bischoff.

Moved by Mr. Swift & seconded by Mr. Ricketts

That the Report of the Committee appointed
on the 30th April to investigate the details
of the proposal of Mr Lafont as now read
is approved of by this Meeting and that
the same be printed for private circulation.

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Agreed.

Moved by Mr. Shepperson & seconded by Mr. Boucher

That in the opinion of this meeting it is expedient and desirable to form a Company for carrying out the plans suggested in the Pamphlet under the Title of
 "The Falkland Islands Company."

Moved by Mr. Swift seconded by Mr. Shepperson & agreed

That the following gentlemen are requested to act as directors provisionally until the Company shall be fully formed and that they take all requisite steps for carrying the second resolution into effect and have power to add two to their number and to substitute other parties in case any of them should decline

Mr. George Syall junior

Mr. William Boucher

Mr. James John Cummins

Mr. John Hackblock

Sir. George Sartorius

Mr. William Law Ogilby

Moved by the Chairman seconded by Mr. Swift & agreed

That the following gentlemen be requested to act as Auditors

Mr. Thomas Winkworth

Mr. Thomas Shepperson

That Messrs. Hankey & Co be appointed the Bankers of the Company -

That Messrs. Rhodes Lane & Rhodes of Chancery Lane and Messrs. Bischoff and Coxe of Coleman Street be appointed Joint Solicitors of the Company

That Mr. Havers be requested to act as Secretary pro. tem.

Moved by Mr. Bantches seconded by Mr. Richards & agreed.

That the Capital of the proposed Company be £100,000 - in shares of £100 - each

That as soon as 500 Shares are subscribed for the Directors be authorized to proceed in procuring the Charter and commencing the operations of the Company.

That when the Provisional Directors have agreed the terms of the Charter with H. M. Government a meeting of the Shareholders shall be convened

That a deposit of £1. per share be paid at once (This is illegal - must not exceed 10% per cent)

Moved by Mr. Bantches seconded by Mr. Swift Carried

That the thanks of this Meeting are given to the Committee for the valuable Report presented by them.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

J. H. Guinness

Chairman.

J. Havers

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Falkland Islands Company

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Meeting of Provisional
Directors

June 19. 1851

1 Charlotte Row Mansion House

Present

Mr W. G. Ouseley - Chairman

" J. J. Cummins

Sir G. R. Sartorius

Mr J. Hacklock

" W. Butcher and

Mr Bischoff - Mr Arkhane invited to attend

— adjourned to June 20. 1851

Present

Mr W. G. Ouseley - Chairman

" J. J. Cummins.

" J. Hacklock

" W. Butcher

Sir G. R. Sartorius and

Mr Bischoff - Solicitor -

The Show list was read by the Secretary -
Four hundred and fifty shares being now subscribed
for and it being considered that the remaining fifty
shares to make up five hundred will certainly be
taken it was the opinion of the meeting that the
preliminary arrangements for forming the Company

might safely be proceeded with but that it will not be prudent to commence active operations until 700 shares are taken — A letter dated the 29th of May last and addressed by Mr. A. R. Lafone to the Secretary stating the terms on which his brother and he were disposed to make a transfer of their property and rights in the Falkland Islands to the Company was then read and considered — Mr. A. R. Lafone was then invited to attend and further explain his views and to consent to certain modifications of his proposal. —

It was moved by Mr. Bantcher seconded by Mr. Cummins and resolved —

X That a contract for taking the transfer from Mr. S. J. Lafone be now entered into, such contract to be conditional upon a charter satisfactory in terms to the Directors being obtained from the Crown — that the transfer do include ~~and~~ the rights and benefits of the grant which the Crown has agreed to make to Mr. Samuel Fisher Lafone and of the Contract for the same, all tame cattle horses sheep and swine which on or since the 1st day of January last past have been in his possession upon the Falkland Islands together with all dwellings buildings Corrals walls and fences belonging to him there and the house and premises lately purchased from Mr. William

Henry Moore and also include all Stores at Hope Place
and the other Stations (except such as were imported by
the Russian vessel "Maria") as well as the benefit of all
claims which Mr. Lafone may have against the
Government up to that date, the Company taking
upon themselves Mr. Lafone's liabilities under the
Contract with the Crown - that the purchase
money for the above be the sum of Thirty
Thousand Pounds together with the cost price of
the purchase of Mr. Moore's House at Stanley -
that Mr. Lafone is to take two hundred shares
of one hundred pounds each of the Company's
Stock and to give credit to the Company for
Ten Thousand Pounds being fifty per cent paid
up on such 200 shares in part payment of
the £30,000 purchase money - that this Contract
be further conditional on Five Hundred Shares
being subscribed for over and above the Two
hundred shares so taken by Mr. Lafone -
that in the event of no more than 700 shares in all
being taken Mr. Lafone be paid from time to
time seven tenths of the amounts received from
calls to the extent of fifty per cent on the amount
subscribed - but that as more shares are sold he
be paid a like relative proportion of the
proceeds until the whole Twenty Thousand

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Pounds be paid up - that the Contract be considered as concluded on the 1st June inst and bear date accordingly and that from such date M^r. Lafone shall be entitled to receive interest at the rate of five per cent per annum on the sum of £20,000 or the unpaid balance of the purchase money - that all outlay and expenses entered into or incurred since the 31st December last past by M^{rs}. Lafone on account of the establishments at the Falklands including salaries wages purchases of sheep horses and other animals and stores and the transport thereof are to be reimbursed by the Company within twelve calendar months from the date of Contract. M^{rs}. Lafone giving credit for all sales of Cattle horses sheep other animals and meat since the said 31st December and for all stores hides horns tallow &c collected sold or consigned since that time - Interest in account current to be calculated at five per cent - and finally that the Company are to pay all the law expenses which have been or may be incurred in negotiating and obtaining a Charter of Incorporation for the proposed Company and the expenses of the apportionment and conveyance of the property sold.

That the Solicitor be and is hereby instructed to prepare a draft of a contract for carrying out the preceding portion of this resolution and that as soon as same be ready it be immediately
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taken into consideration — That the solicitor
be also and is hereby instructed to take the
necessary steps to get the draft Charter finally
settled in such mode as this meeting has
indicated would be satisfactory and also, in
conjunction with Mr. Lafone, to procure such
beneficial modifications of the Contract with
the Crown as the grantee may reasonably
be considered entitled to —

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

W. G. Duseley

Chairman

Falkland Islands Company-

Meeting of Provisional Directors

June 30. 1857

1 Charlotte Row mansion House

Present

Mr W. G. Cuseley Chairman

Sir G. R. Sartorius

Mr J. J. Cummins

Mr John Hackblock

Mr Wm Boucher

Mr Bischoff - Solicitor.

The Minutes of the meeting of the 19th inst. having been read by the Secretary -

It was moved by Mr Cummins seconded by Mr Hackblock and resolved

— That the minutes of the last meeting of this Board, as now read, be confirmed.

It was then arranged that the ^{draft} Prospectus as agreed be completed by the Solicitor and Secretary and that printed proofs thereof be forwarded to each one of the Directors on Thursday next and that this meeting be adjourned to Friday next the 4th July at 12 o'clock to finally settle same.

Meantime leave was given to Mr.

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Cummins to confer with Mess^{rs} Glyn, Mills, Halifax
Ho^o as to their having the Banking Account of
the Company.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

W. Duseley

Falkland Islands Company

Meeting of Provisional Directors

Charlotte Row, Mansion House

July 4th 1851.

Present.

Mr Wm Gore Duseley - Chairman

Mr. Ino Hackblock

Sir. Geo R Sartorius

W. W^m Boucher

W. Bischoff, Solicitor.

Proof Prospectus examined corrected and
finally agreed - Mr. Havers directed to have same
printed and circulated amongst the Shareholders -
also to prepare, print and circulate a second edition
of the Pamphlet corrected in accordance with the
most recent intelligence and the terms of the
Prospectus.

W. Duseley

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Falkland Islands Company

Meeting of Provisional Directors

1 Charlotte Row, Mansion House

August 19th 1851.

Present

Mr W. Gore Ouseley - Chairman

Mr - John Hackblock

Mr - Wm Boucher

Mr - Jas I Cummins

Sir G R Sartorius

Mr Bischoff - Solicitor

and Mr AR Lafone

The minutes of the last two meetings held upon the 30th June and 4 July having been read by the Secretary -

It was moved by Mr. Boucher and seconded by Mr Hackblock -

" That the minutes as now read be confirmed and signed by the Chairman "

Minutes signed accordingly -

The Solicitor then reported progress - he stated that in conjunction with Mr AR Lafone he had opened a communication with the

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authorities of the Colonial Office, which, after some negotiation, had resulted in the preparation and presentation by the Colonial Authorities of a short supplementary agreement the object of which was simply to remove doubts as to the construction of the original agreement of January 1850 made between the Crown and Mr. S. F. Lafone - that said Supplementary Agreement defined the Crown's right to sell any land not conveyed or intended to be conveyed to Mr. Lafone under the original agreement and over which, until so sold, that agreement gives the right of pasturing and pursuing Cattle - that, subject to such explanation, the original agreement could not be further modified by the Colonial Authorities - that it was considered improbable that any bona fide demand to purchase waste lands of the Crown, not included within the grant to Mr. Lafone, would arise during the term of his dominion over the wild Cattle, - but that, in the opinion of Mr. Bischoff, it would be most fortunate should such demand for land thenceforward arise, as it would tend to improve the value of the Company's property, and as it had been intimated by the Colonial authorities that no intention existed on their parts to reduce, during the terms specified in the agreement with Mr. Lafone, the upset prices which they had placed upon lands within

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the Colony, which is for country districts 8/ per acre.

— The Supplementary Agreement was then read by the Solicitor, who added that within a week he expected to receive the Draft Contract between the Company and Mr. Lafone and the Draft Charter completed.

— Explanations being required from Mr. Lafone regarding his endeavours to procure certain modifications of the original Agreement, he stated that he had not succeeded to obtain any; but, that, in respect to the clause which provides that a certain number of sheep are to be placed and kept upon the East Falkland, Mr. Elliott had informed him that should the Company hereafter discover that sheep could not be reared and supported in the Colony the Government would not prep compliance with this clause provided the Company, on applying for permission to avoid it, came prepared to offer to Government some equivalent advantage in lieu thereof — that however, until any necessity sh^d arise for such application on the part of the Company, no ~~the~~ stipulation in that sense could be introduced into the Agreement. In explanation of Lord Grey's reasons for declining further to modify the Original Agreement and for tendering the Supplementary Agreement, Mr. Lafone laid before the board two letters addressed to himself on the

21 July and 15 August 1851 by order of Earl Grey
of which the following are copies —

Downing Street

21st July 1851

Sir,

With reference to the arrangement now
pending for the transfer of Mr S Lafone's rights under
his agreement with the Crown to the Royal Falkland
Land, Cattle Seal and Whale Fishery Company, I
am directed by Earl Grey to state, that it appears
to his Lordship that it will be necessary, before
that arrangement is concluded, that all parties
should come to a clear understanding as to one
point on which some doubt has been expressed.

It has been suggested by Mr S Lafone's
Agent (as was mentioned in my letter to you
of the 28th June 1849) that the effect of the
agreement already subsisting is, to prevent the
Crown from pursuing the object of establishing
Colonists in the Falkland Islands, inasmuch
as the appropriation of any part of the waste
lands for purposes of settlement would interfere
with the enjoyment by Mr Lafone of his rights
to and dominion over the wild cattle.

This was certainly not intended to
form any part of the agreement, nor does Lord

Grey conceives its language to be in reality open to such interpretation. But the question having been raised it becomes of importance that it should be set at rest before any transfer takes place of Mr Lafone's rights to other parties.

For this purpose I am to submit to you a draft supplementary Agreement, which his Lordship proposes should be executed by Mr Lafone, and then referred to in the Charter, so as to become binding on the Company equally with the existing agreement. It declares that it was not the object of the latter to interfere with the Crown's right to sell waste lands, or reserve them for public purposes, except so far as regards the land agreed to be sold to Mr Lafone.

I am to state that Lord Grey has no wish whatever to cause any unnecessary or vexatious interference to take place with the enjoyment by Mr Lafone or the Company of their right to the wild cattle, nor indeed is it probable, judging from the experience of the Settlement that any sale of waste lands will take place there to such an extent as to affect that right in any injurious degree. But he thinks it essential that no obstacle should be offered to the gradual progress of regular colonization, if parties should

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be found desirous of establishing themselves permanently
as agricultural settlers: — and he believes that their
doing so would prove very advantageous to any parties
in possession of Mr Lafone's rights

I am,
Sir,

your obedient servant

(signed) B Hawes

A Lafone Esquire,

Colonial Office

15 August 1851

Sir,
I am directed by Earl Grey to state that
he finds it impossible, on the part of Her Majesty's
Government, to accede to any of the modifications
proposed in your letter of the 4th of this month
to the draft Supplementary Agreement.

It appears to his Lordship that the
former letter, which he caused to be addressed to
you on the 21st ultimo, sufficiently shewed that
such modifications would be inadmissible. But
in order that the gentlemen with whom you are
in treaty may fully understand the reasons of
his refusal, he is anxious, even at the risk of

repetition, to state the grounds of it.

The Agreement entered into between your-
self and Her Majesty's Government was never intended
by the latter to infringe in any degree on the Crown's
absolute and unrestricted right to sell land in the
Falkland Islands, or to reserve it for public purposes.
Nor does his Lordship at all believe that any part
of the Agreement can be so construed. He wishes
to refer you, for instance, to Clause 9, where
the right of Mr. Lafone to erect Corrales &c
is limited to lands which may not "have been
previously granted"; thereby, as it appears, clearly
recognizing the Crown's right to grant them.

It was, in short, his Lordship's
full understanding, that you were ready to accept
the agreement, subject to the possible contingency
of some part of the land being granted away
during the continuance of that agreement to
bonâ fide settlers.

His Lordship would, therefore,
have been perfectly satisfied to leave the Agreement
where it stood. But a difficulty was raised,
not on the part of Her Majesty's, or the local
Government, but of your Agent Mr. Williams.
That Gentleman contended in a protest addressed
to Governor Moody, that by giving Mr Lafone
dominion over the wild Cattle of the Island of

East Falkland, the Crown had precluded itself from granting away any of the soil, and thereby diminishing the area over which the wild Cattle might roam.

However unfounded such a pretention might appear, it seemed to Lord Grey nevertheless indispensable that, before your Agreement passed into other hands, the doubt, once raised, should be set fully at rest, and the Agreement interpreted by mutual consent in that sense in which it was assuredly entered into on his part. For this purpose, and with no other object, the Supplementary Agreement is tendered to you.

The alterations which you propose would recognize a limitation to the original Agreement which would very materially impair the rights of the Crown. One of them would abridge the right to sell land by the stipulation "that it should not materially interfere with the dominion over the wild Cattle" — a stipulation quite new in itself, and obviously tending, from its uncertainty, to continual litigation. Another would restrict the right of the Crown to construct public works, in any part of the Islands, to those particular classes of public works to which it is now limited in the particular district covenanted to be granted to Mr. Lafone. The last seems equally open with the first to the

objections of uncertainty and tendency to litigation.

Lord Grey is particularly anxious that the gentlemen with whom you are in treaty will fully consider for themselves the substance of this letter, and of the former one of the 21st ultimo. He is anxious that they should understand that as Lord Grey has no wish to infringe on any rights already granted, so he is obliged to decline granting any new ones. If the gentlemen in question are willing to deal with you on the faith that no unnecessary and vexatious obstruction will be interposed in their way by Her Majesty's Government here, and that instructions will be transmitted to the local Government to act towards them in the Islands in a similar spirit, he believes that their security will be greater than could be attained by the attempt to insert additional clauses in the Agreement at the risk of provoking further discussion and litigation. But if they are substantially dissatisfied with the Agreement as it exists, and in the sense which the supplementary Agreement is intended to define, his Lordship although regretting that an undertaking which promised to promote the interests of this infant Colony should be abandoned, yet feels that its continuance

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cannot be purchased by further concessions on his part.

I am,

Sir,

your most Obedient
humble Servant

(signed) B. Hawes

A. B. Lafone Esq

Erectheim Club.

— The Secretary then reported progress as regarded the disposal of Shares & he stated that in compliance with resolutions of the Directors passed at ~~the~~ meetings held on the 30th June and 11th July, Mr Cummins had waited upon Messrs Glyn & Co and invited them to keep the banking account of the Company which they, after examination of the proposed prospectus, had consented to do — that the Prospectus, as agreed, had been printed and circulated amongst the subscribers and also amongst other persons considered likely to become subscribers — that a new edition of the Pamphlet, corrected to date and in accordance with the most recent information and in correspondence with the terms of the Prospectus, had been prepared printed and circulated privately — that the number of Shares sold at the date of

the last meeting of this board were four hundred and sixty five and the number now sold amounted to five hundred and fifty one and that the sale of the remaining one hundred and forty nine shares to make up seven hundred was guaranteed by W^r A^r Lafone and others to be completed on or before the 31st December next, W^r Lafone undertaking to put said guarantee in such legal form as the Solicitor W^r Bischoff might advise —

W^r Lafone requested permission to state to certain subscribers that their subscriptions in full might be paid under discount at the rate of five per cent per annum, and, in reply, was informed that the Board, as at present constituted, had not power to make an order to that effect, but that it might be understood that persons desirous of paying up in full were at liberty to do so under discount so soon as a banking account were opened and that such mode of payment would in due course be formally authorized. —

It was moved by W^r Cummins and seconded by W^r Bantcher and carried unanimously —

— That 551 shares being now subscribed for and the sale of 149 shares in addition thereto being guaranteed by W^r A^r Lafone and others

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the full operation of the Company do commence so soon as the Charter be obtained. —

That the Supplementary Agreement tendered by the Colonial Office as now read by Mr. Bischoff be accepted and duly executed. —

That it is advisable for the Company to enter into a Contract with Her Majesty's Government to carry the mails between Montevideo and Stanley on the terms proposed in the letter of Mr B Hawes to Mr Lafone dated the 14th April 1851 if more advantageous terms cannot be obtained. —

That Mr. A R Lafone be and is hereby authorized to arrange and complete said Contract on the understanding that same be transferred to the Company so soon as the Charter be signed or, if not previously completed, that it be made direct between the Crown authorities and the Company. —

— It was moved by Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Boucher and carried unanimously. —

That a call of ten shillings per share be made immediately - that the Secretary prepare, print and forward to all subscribers a circular notice accordingly, and that, in conjunction with the Solicitor, he do arrange with the Bankers of the Company Mess^{rs} Glyn Mills & Co the form of the Account and prepare a proper

form of receipt to be issued and of counterfoil to be retained as voucher by the Bankers.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

J. J. Cummins

Chairman.

X Falkland Islands Company.

Meeting of Provisional Directors

1. Charlotte Row, Mansion House

December 24th 1851.

Present

Mr. Wm Gore Duseley

Mr. John Hackblock

Mr. Wm Boucher

Mr. J. J. Cummins

Sir G. R. Sartorius

Mr. Bischoff - solicitor
and Mr. A. R. Lafone.

At the request of Mr. Duseley the chair was taken by Mr. Cummins —

The minutes of the last meeting held 19 August 1851 were read by the Secretary, confirmed, and signed by the Chairman —

The Charter was laid on the table read and explained by the Solicitor —

It was proposed by Mr. Boucher seconded by Mr. Duseley & carried —

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— That the Royal Charter as read be and is hereby accepted. —

The draft Contract between Mr. Lafone and the Company was then explained by the Solicitor, the Chairman comparing its clauses with the instructions given for same by a resolution of this Board passed at a meeting held on the 20th of June last — the Solicitor explained that the instructions did not provide for the payment to Mr. Lafone of the balance of purchase money in case no more than 700 shares be taken and proposed that words, which he had inserted in the draft Contract and which he read, to fix the date of payment of said balance should be approved, notwithstanding their variance from the resolution referred to which contained his instructions —

It was moved by Mr. Boutcher seconded by Mr. Hackblock and carried —

— That the draft Contract between Mr. Lafone and this Company as now read altered and explained be accepted engrossed and executed. —

The Draft Contract between the Colonial Land and Emigration Commissioners acting on behalf of the Crown and the Company for the conveyance of Her Majesty's Mails Six times per annum between Stanley and Montevideo for the sum of £700 payable by reduction of instalments was next explained by the Solicitor —

It was moved by Mr. Baseley seconded by Mr. Hackblock and carried —

— That the draft Contract between the Colonial Land

and Emigration Commissioners on the part of Her Majesty the Queen and this Company for the Conveyance of Her Majesty's mails between Stanley and Montevideo as now read is approved and be accepted. —

The Copy of a letter bearing date the 17th Dec^r 1851 addressed by Mr. A. K. Lafone to Lord Grey acceding on behalf of his brother and the Company to the wishes of government to reclaim the dominion of the wild Cattle &c on West Falkland provided the Crown would in consideration of such concession remit the payment of an instalment of £2000 due the 1st day of January next was read to the Board and it was announced by Mr Lafone that no answer to it had as yet been received. —

It was moved by Mr. Boucher seconded by Mr. Macklock & carried —

— That the letter of Mr. Lafone to Lord Grey as read is approved by this Board and that it be entered upon the minutes —

It was moved by Mr. Couseley seconded by Sir Geo. Sartorius and carried —

— That in accordance with the terms of the Prospectus and of the allotment of Shares the Secretary do issue a notice to all the Shareholders requiring them to pay the first instalment of 25 per cent to Mess^{rs} Glyn Mills &c on or before the 10th January next less the deposit of 10/- per share if same be already made by them — and that the Secretary do address a Circular Letter to the Shareholders informing them that the Charter is obtained whereby their liability is limited to the amount of their individual subscriptions — that the

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Contract between M. Lafone and the Company has been finally settled and that the operations of the Company have now commenced.—

It was then agreed that the following gentlemen were to form a Subcommittee to consider with M. Bischoff the details of the Deed of Settlement and report thereon to the next meeting of this Board —

- M^r J. J. Cummins
- M^r J. Mackblock
- M. W. Butcher

The Secretary was desired by the Chairman to place the Charter for safe custody in the hands of Mess^{rs} Glyn & Co. —

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

W. G. Ouseley
Chairman.

Falkland Islands Company

Meeting of Provisional Directors.

1. Charlotte Row - Mansion House

January 28th 1852.

Present.

- M^r J. J. Cummins
- Sir G. R. Sartorius
- M. W. G. Ouseley — in the Chair
- M. W. Butcher
- M. J. Mackblock

M^r Bischoff - solicitor -

M^r A. R. Lafone - at the request of the Board.

The minutes of the last meeting held 24 Dec. 1851 were read by the Secretary confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Mr. Bischoff announced that the Deed of Settlement had been finally approved by the Board of Trade —

Mr. Cummins, being deputed to confer privately with Mr. Lafone as to the date at which interest should commence to run upon the amount of £20,000 (agreed to be paid to his brother and himself) taking into consideration the great delays which had taken place and that no accounts had yet been received from the Falklands, announced that Mr. Lafone had very handsomely met the views of this Board and on behalf of his brother and himself had consented to postpone the rating of interest on the amount of £20,000 from the first of June 1851 as previously agreed by a resolution of this Board on the 19th of that month, until the 1st day of January inst. from which day said sum is to bear interest in the manner described by the resolution referred to.

Resolved —

— that Mr. Bantcher Mr. Hackblock and Mr. Cummins are hereby deputed to effect the purchase of a suitable vessel for carrying cargo and Her Majesty's Mails between Stanley and Montevideo with full discretionary power as to price and all other matters appertaining to the procuring, equipping and manning the vessel ready for sea as speedily as possible without further reference to this Board and are requested to report their proceedings accordingly when completed.

A letter addressed by Mr. John Pownall Dale, under date of the 22nd inst, to the Directors offering himself to take the office of Colonial Manager was then read —

Resolved —

— that a letter be addressed by the Secretary to Mr. Dale informing him generally of the nature of the duties which the Colonial Manager will be expected to perform and of the terms on which the Company are prepared to engage his services in that capacity — namely that he will have to furnish approved securities to the extent of £5000 in the form usually adopted and to appoint and pay his own Clerk — that he will be provided with a suitable residence in tenantable condition rent free and a free passage to the Colony and that the remuneration for his services will be £700 per annum clear of any deductions and without any extra allowances whatever — the first year to commence from the day of his leaving England — these terms to be considered fixed for five years subject to revision and modification by this Board on the expiry of two years after the arrival of the Manager at the Colony but the engagement may be determined by the Directors on giving six months notice of their desire to put an end to it, or, after the expiry of two years by either party on giving like notice to the other — notice in all cases to date from the day of its receipt.

— Mr. A. R. Lafone having communicated to this Board the obliging consent of his brother Mr. Samuel Fisher Lafone of Montevideo to undertake gratuitously the management of the Company's operations

in the Colony for the period of two years after his receipt of their letter of authorization —

Resolved —

— that M^r. Samuel Fisher Lafone be requested to undertake the office of Resident Director and the management of the Company's colonial operations accordingly with full authority and control over the Company's servants in the Colony.

Resolved —

— that in compliance with the foregoing resolution the Secretary is directed to address a letter to M^r. S. F. Lafone informing him generally of the Constitution of the Company under the Charter and Deed of Settlement as also of the steps already taken relative to appointments to the purchase of a vessel and the Contract to carry the mails — handing a Copy of the preceding Resolution and requesting him to adopt the needful measures for carrying it into effect.

Resolved —

— That the Deed of Settlement as approved by the Board of Trade and now read by M^r. Bischoff, with the formal blanks as now filled in, be engrossed and prepared for execution immediately.

Resolved —

— that the Form of Share Certificate now presented as examined by M^r. Bischoff is approved and that the Secretary is directed to have a plate engraved accordingly and One thousand Blank forms printed and bound by the Counterfoils.

Resolved —

— that the design for a common Seal of this

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Corporation now presented is approved and that the Secretary is directed to have it engraved on steel in the best manner and fixed in a proper press complete and also to procure a suitable Office Seal in brass for ordinary use.

Resolved—

— That the Forms of Banker's Cheques and Bills of Exchange now presented are approved and that the Secretary is directed to have plates engraved accordingly and a sufficient quantity of impressions struck off for one years supply.

Resolved—

— that Mr. Cummins, Mr. Hackblock and Mr. Boucher or any two of them be appointed a sub-committee with power to engage offices for the Company's use and to fit and furnish the same, to arrange what books of account &c will be required, the form in which they shall be kept, and order them to be purchased, to inform the Bankers of the mode of drawing upon the account and hand them the signatures of persons authorized to draw; and to agree upon and publish in the Daily Papers an advertisement calculated to promote the sale of so many more shares as it has been considered desirable to issue.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

W. G. Durbey

Chairman.

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Falkland Islands Company

Meeting of Committee

1 Charlotte Row - Mansion House.

February 6th 1852.

Present

Mr. J. J. Cummins -

Mr. J. Hackblock -

Mr. W. Boucher -

Mr. Bischoff - Solicitor.

Mr. A. R. Lafone - at the request of the Committee.

The Committee had a long conference with Mr. Alexander R. Lafone accompanied by Mr. Field his Solicitor in regard to doubts which had arisen as to the numbers of tamed Cattle and sheep assumed to be on the Falklands the property of Messrs Lafone and which formed the basis of the calculations on which the purchase from them by the Company was founded.

Mr. Lafone stated that he never intended to be responsible for the exact numbers so assumed that he had freely furnished to the Directors all the information possessed by him and had no reason to doubt the correctness thereof - still, as the question had been raised he was willing to meet the views of the Committee and finally to adjust the matter in the terms of the following letter which he then addressed to the Committee - namely -

London 6 February 1852

J. J. Leuninger William Boucher }
 or John Macklock — } Esqrs.

Gent^l

with reference to the conversation held this morning with you as a Committee of the Directors of the Falkland Islands Company on the subject of the presumed quantity of Stock on the Islands on 31st Dec^r 1850 the property of my Brother and self, I on his behalf and my own Consent and agree that if your Agent shall upon enquiry and investigation after his arrival in the Islands, find that the number of tamed cattle in East Falkland which on the same 31st day of Dec^r 1850 were our property and in our possession did not amount to Three Thousand (3000) Head we will make an allowance and abatement after the rate of Thirty Shillings (30^s) per head for such deficiency. — Should it however be found that if at the same date there existed a larger number of tamed Horses and Mares at the several Establishments than 150 a proportionate allowance shall be made to us after the rate of Six Pounds per Horse or Mare.

I further engage that if at the same date it shall be found there were not on the several Establishments or in course of importation at our cost One thousand Sheep then that we will make up at our cost by importation, any deficiency on that number.

This letter is understood to be explanatory of and supplementary to the Agreement existing between us and the Company and recited or referred to in the Deed of Settlement but we stipulate that no further claim shall be made on us for abatement or allowance in respect of short quantities in any of the Stock or property agreed to be made over -

I am Gent^l

your most obed^t serv^t

(signed) A. R. Lafone.

which having been read and approved of by W. Lafone's solicitor and Mr. Bischoff on behalf of the Corporation - It was resolved that the same be accepted and the question finally closed on these terms. +

A draft letter of instructions was considered and settled and the Secretary directed to address the same to Samuel F. Lafone Esq as Resident Director of the Company's affairs at the Falklands.

Signed on behalf of the Committee

J. A. Hume

Chairman.

Falkland Islands Company

Meeting of Committee

1 Charlotte Row - City.

London February 11th 1852

Present

Mr. J. J. Cummins

Mr. J. Mackblack

Mr. W. Boutecher

Mr. Bischoff - Solicitor

+ Mr. McKelone.

The minutes of the last Committee Meeting held on the 6th inst were read & confirmed.

Mr. Bischoff reported that the Deed of Settlement was engraved and ready for signature.

Ordered - that twelve Copies of the Charter be printed and placed in the hands of the Solicitor for the information of Directors as occasion may arise.

The Secretary was directed to prepare a draft Report to be laid before the General Meeting on Wednesday next and to call the Directors together on Monday the 16th inst, at one o'clock precisely to consider same and arrange the proceedings for the meeting.

Mr. Bischoff stated that the draft Mail Contract was agreed with the Crown Officers but proposed that some small additions should be made and asked leave to endeavour

to procure these alterations and to have the vessel approved &c

Resolved - that Mr. Bischoff is requested to call on Mr Wood and ask him to have the Amelia surveyed for Government approval and finally to settle the terms of the Mail Contract.

Mr. Lafone submitted a tender with specification and drawings to construct a wooden lighthouse for Cape Pembroke by Messrs A & G Halmes of Liverpool for £580 inclusive of plate glass lightning conductor and Vane but exclusive of Lights.

Resolved - that the plans for a lighthouse submitted by Mr. Lafone be placed before the Secretary of the Trinity Board by Mr. Hackblock and Mr. Bantcher and if approved by him presented to Lord Grey with a tender for its erection by the Company for £2100 if authorized in time to go out by the "Amelia".

Resolved - that the debt due to the Messrs Lafone be secured to them by the Company's Debentures for £1000 each whereof seven are to be payable in 12 months, seven in 24 months and the remainder in 30 months.

Resolved - that Mr. Lafone is not to be called upon to

pay up on any of the one hundred and twelve shares required to make up seven hundred unless at the end of the current year they shall not be taken up by other parties in which case whatever then remain unallotted are to be taken by Mr. Lafone and the payments thereon made good by him in debentures or money at his option.

A Cheque for £1608..157, being less $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent discount £41..57 for the purchase money £1650 of the "Amelia", was handed to Mr. A. Lafone who was requested to obtain the Bill of Sale duly executed, to procure a new Register for the Vessel and to have her ownership transferred to Messrs. Boutcher, Cummins, and Hackblock as trustees for the Corporation.

Signed on behalf of the Committee

J. V. Cummins

Chairman.

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Falkland Islands Company

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Meeting of Committee.

1 Charlotte Row
London Lang 29. 1852

Present.

Mr. Butcher.
Mr. Cummins.
Mr. Stackblock.

The Committee deliberated upon the purchase of a suitable vessel to carry the Mails and after considering various proposals agreed to accept one tendered by Messrs. Longe Curry & Co. of Liverpool through Mr. Lafone - who was thereupon authorized to purchase the Brigantine "Amelia" of 245 tons O.M. and 150 tons N.M. now lying in Liverpool for the sum of £1650 if left would not be accepted and Captⁿ Wilson late of the "Chelydra", who had previously inspected the vessel at the desire of the Board was requested to examine her thoroughly and report as to her answering the description given by the sellers, on the understanding that if she was bought he was to be appointed to command her.

The Committee met - January 31.

present as above -

a communication was received from Mr. Lafone announcing that he had found it expedient to close at once for the "Amelia", in order to secure her, which he had done for the sum of £1650 payable in 14 days less 2 1/2 % disc.

Capt. Wilson was therefore appointed to the Command, required to address a letter to the Board defining the terms of his engagement which he accordingly did and was at once dispatched to Liverpool to superintend the overhauling and outfit of the Vessel.

S. J. Curriens

January 31. 1852

A Deputation from the Board of Directors consisting of Mr. Ouseley - (Chairman) Mr. Curriens Mr. Boutcher and Mr. Hackblock waited, by appointment, upon Earl Grey at the Colonial office on the subject of the expenditure of the money yet to be paid to Government under Mr. Lafone's Contract and his Lordship intimated his willingness to entertain any suggestions which the Corporation might make for the application of these funds to objects calculated to promote the improvement of the Colony.

The Directors then informed Lord Grey that they had purchased the "Amelia" a suitable vessel to carry the mails under their Contract with Government and expressed their wish to be permitted to hoist the Admiralty

or Post Office flag on board her and so place her on the footing of a Royal Packet, citing in support of their request several instances in which this privilege had been conceded to vessels purchased under like circumstances. His Lordship admitted the propriety of the application and promised his aid to procure the compliance of the competent authorities.

The next object brought under his Lordship's notice was the erection of a lighthouse on Cape Pembroke the vast importance of which to British shipping generally and to the Colony was fully set forth - his Lordship assented to the proposition that such an erection should be constructed and paid for out of the instalments ~~due~~ payable by the Corporation, suggesting that the Company might build it here and send it out ready made, or offer a tender to construct it for the Government. The Directors thereon proposed to undertake the erection of the lighthouse and his Lordship suggested that their proposal should be submitted to him in writing accompanied by proper specifications and plans.

The important advantages which would accrue to the port of Stanley and to shipping calling there by the laying down of a patent Slip were next explained to his Lordship

and his consent solicited that such a work should be undertaken by the Government, in which case the Corporation would provide for its execution. Lord Grey did not feel inclined to entertain this proposition as he considered such works were more appropriately left to private enterprise. Upon the Directors urging that the subject had already been submitted to and received the consideration of Government Lord Grey observed that he was not aware of any application or correspondence on the subject.

Lord Grey was informed of the Agreement that the sums due by Government to Mr. Lafone for supplies furnished by him should ~~be~~ ^{be placed} ~~be~~ ^{be} ~~applied~~ ^{to the} credit of the Company against ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~instalment~~ ^{instalment now payable} ~~now payable~~ ^{but his} Lordship was not aware that any sums were due or that Mr. Lafone had any claims upon Gov. ^{if} however such claims could be properly substantiated the ^{amount thereof would be disposed of} ~~solely for the~~ ~~benefit of the~~ ~~Company~~ as provided by the Company's Contract with Mr. Lafone. ~~could be seen at the~~ ~~Company's~~.

In reply to a question put by the Directors Lord Grey observed that there was no fund at present from which to aid or defray the expenses of Emigrants to this Colony on the part of Government, but he recommended that application should be made to certain Scotch landed proprietors who were desirous of sending out some of their tenants and

labourers, more particularly those on the western shores and Islands the inhabitants of which seemed to him well adapted for the climate and soil of the Falklands

Reference was then made to a discussion which had taken place in the House of Commons and the false impression likely to be created by statements then made, that no vessels or at most only two or three in a year touched at the Falkland Islands - and it was shewn to his Lordship that a progressive increase in the number of vessels calling had actually taken place - the numbers ~~not~~ being 15 in 1847 to 1848 36 in 1850 - and upwards of 30 in the first 6 months of 1851 - which his Lordship appeared to consider an important fact.

Lord Grey then intimated his wish that the Directors should address him officially on all the topics entertained when their communications should have his attention. The interview then closed.

The Secretary was desired to procure and lay before the Committee on Monday next a plan and estimate for an Iron Light House.

W. G. Puseley.

Ch. Man.

Meeting of the Committee

Denmark Hill

W. Boutcher
 W. Cummins
 W. Hackblock

February 2. 1852

The plan of an iron Lighthouse accompanied by the estimates of Mess^{rs} Cottam & Hallen were considered and the Secretary directed to write them and request them to submit a specification and tender for an iron Lighthouse 70 feet high.

The Secretary was also directed to write to Lord Grey requesting the privilege of carrying the Post Office Flag on the "Amelia".

It was decided to be expedient to urge on a future occasion the question of a Patent Slip being laid down at Stanley at government cost, supporting the renewed application, in an official form, by a recital of the correspondence already received by government on the subject and of the Report of the Colonial Land and Emigration Commissioners thereon.

The financial position of the Company in regard to its prospective operations was then discussed at great length, when it appeared that it would not be prudent to make such large money payments to the Mess^{rs} Lafone as originally intended and a plan was arranged for modifying the terms of payment so as to square with the Company's means and proposed expenditures - same to be definitively settled so soon as

an interview could be had with Mr. A.R. Lafone.

It appeared that, with the number of shares at present allotted, the Company could afford to give Mr. Lafone £7000 at the end of the current year and would have for their expenditure £11000 remaining; whereof about £10000 would be required ~~to defray legal expenses and those attendant upon the formation of the Company~~ ~~and about as much more for the outfit of the Company;~~ to equip, outfit and provide a certain amount of cargo for the "Amelia" as well as to pay for her cost; to establish a store at Stanley and agencies at the Rio Negro & Bahia Blanca; to purchase certain eligible plots of land with ^{to defray legal expenses and those attendant upon the formation of the Company} rights of pasturage on East Falkland, and generally bring the Colonial operations of the Company into full play.

The nature of the instructions to be sent out by next packet to Mr. Saml. Lafone was then very fully discussed and the Secretary was directed to prepare a draft of a letter embodying the result of this deliberation and submit same to the next meeting of the Committee.

J. M. Hutchins

1 Charlotte Row -

February 4th 1852

The members of the Committee had a long interview with Capt^m B. Sullivan and obtained his opinion and advice as to the erection of a Light-house and the laying down of a patent slip as well as other important information relative to the state of the Islands and the economy of the present local government - from which it appeared that much public money had been injudiciously employed (to the extent of fully £10,000) in a manner not likely to secure any solid advantage to the Colony. Capt Sullivan strongly recommended that the Beacon now standing on Cape Pembroke should, on the erection of the lighthouse be removed to Point William.

John Boucher

February 12th 1852.

Mr. Hackblock and Mr. Boucher, as deputed by the Committee, waited upon Mr. Herbert the Secretary to the Corporation of Trinity House and submitted to him the plan and specification of the proposed lighthouse in which he suggested some alteration and that the lights of Mr. Wilkins should be adopted - the Committee accordingly accepted Mr. Lafone's offer to communicate personally with Mr. Wilkins and request him to furnish a plan and specification for a Lantern and lights.

John Hackblock

Falkland Islands Company

Meeting of Provisional
Directors.

1 Charlotte Row.

February 16. 1852.

Present

- Mr W. G. Buseley
- Mr J. J. Cummins
- Mr W. Bantcher
- Mr Jno Mackblack
- Sir Geo R Sartorius

Mr Bischoff - solicitor
of Mr. A. R. Lafone

The Minutes of the meeting of the 28.th Jan'y
were read and confirmed.

The minutes of the proceedings of the
Committee then appointed, at their meetings on
the 29.th and 31.st January and 2.nd 4.th 6.th 11.th
and 12.th February were read, confirmed and
approved by the Board

The Draft Report of the Directors to the
general meeting to be held on Wednesday was
then read -

Resolved

That the draft Report as now read is
approved and that same be fair copied and
presented at the general meeting of the
Proprietors to be held on the 18.th inst.^h

~~Resolved that the draft Report as now read is approved and that same be fair copied and presented at the general meeting of the Proprietors to be held on the 18.th inst.^h~~

an extract of a letter, relative to the choice of Scotch ~~and~~ Shepherds for the Falklands, addressed by Mr. Thomas Gillespie to Mr. Cummins was read— Mr. Ouseley also read a letter from Scotland on the same subject.

Mr. Cummins and Mr. Ouseley were requested to reply to the enquiries contained in these letters and seek to obtain further information for the guidance of the Board.

The Secretary was directed to ascertain the cost of an approved peat-compressing apparatus.

The draft of a letter to be addressed to Lord Grey proposing to erect a lighthouse on Cape Pembroke for the sum of £2753 was read, approved, and the Secretary instructed to address his Lordship accordingly and to enclose copies of the specifications and plans furnished by Messrs. Holmes and Mr. Wilkins.

Mr. A. R. Lafone was authorized to make purchases of such articles, say bricks, lime, iron, timber &c as he may think most suitable for shipment to the Colony by the "Amelia" and it was ordered that Capt. Wilson be instructed to refer to Mr. Lafone for any advice he may require relative to the equipment of his vessel.

Signed on behalf of the meeting

W. Ouseley
Chairman

Falkland Islands Company

Meeting of Provisional Directors

1 Charlotte Row. City.

February 18th 1852.

Present

- Mr. Ouseley
- W. Hackblock
- Mr. Boucher
- Sir Geo Sartorius

Mr. Bischoff - solicitor.

Resolved

That the Report as now read is approved and be presented by the Chairman to the general meeting.

The account of disbursements by Messrs Bicketts Boucher & Co amounting altogether to £590^{..}19^{..}1 was laid before the Directors and a cheque ordered to be drawn for the amount.

J. J. Harrison
Chairman.

Falkland Islands Company.

General Meeting.

1 Charlotte Row - City.

February 18th 1852.Present.William Gore Ouseley Esq.^{sr}

James John Cummins Esq.

John Hackblock Esq.

Sir George Rose Sartorius

William Boutcher Esq.

Alexander Puff Lafone Esq.

Adolph Hermann Sillem Esq.

Thomas Winkworth Esq.

Adolphus Heinsen Esq.

John Bramley Moore Esq.

William Millar Esq.

Thomas Shepperson Esq.

Emanuel Boutcher Esq.

G. B. Schutz Esq.

Charles Bischoff Esq.

The Chair was taken by Mr. Ouseley who presented the Report of the Provisional Directors which being read by the Secretary — it was moved Thomas Winkworth Esq.^{sr} seconded by John Bramley Moore Esq. and carried unanimously

— That the Report now read be received approved and printed —

— it was moved by Adolph H Sillem Esq. seconded by Thomas Winkworth Esq. and carried unanimously —

— That the following gentlemen are hereby confirmed as Directors in terms of the Deed of Settlement: viz — William Gore Ouseley, James John Cummins, William Boucher, and John Hackblock Esquires Admiral Sir George Rose Sartorius and Samuel Fisher Lafone Esquire. —

— it was moved by Jas J Cummins Esq seconded by Admiral Sir George Sartorius and carried unanimously

— That the Board of Directors be and are hereby authorized to issue Debentures, Bonds or other securities to Mess^{rs} Lafone for securing to them the payment of the balance of the purchase money not exceeding altogether the sum of £20,000 at the dates and on the terms stated in their Report — or at such other dates as the Directors may consider desirable. —

— it was moved by Charles Bischoff Esq seconded by William Gore Ouseley Esq & carried unanimously —

— That Thomas Wentworth and Thomas Shepperson Esqs are hereby confirmed as the first Auditors in terms of the Deed of Settlement. —

— it was moved by Thomas Shepperson Esq seconded by Adolphus Heinsew Esq and carried

— That a sum not exceeding £400 per annum be placed at the disposal of the Directors for their remuneration. —

— and it was moved by William Millar Esq and seconded by Thomas Shepperson Esq and carried —

— That the thanks of this Meeting are due and are hereby given to the Chairman and Directors for their valuable exertions in bringing the Company into operation.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

W. Cummins
Chairman.

Committee Meeting

Present

W. Boucher

W. Cummins

Feb'y 21, 1852.

A letter dated 19.th inst^l was received from Captⁿ Sullivan complaining that Mr. Williams had obstructed him in the purchase of land in the Colony.

The Secretary was directed to reply to Captⁿ Sullivan that his communication would be refered to Mr. S. Lafone and Mr. Dale who would ^{take} such measures as the circumstance might require - that the Company did not desire to obstruct any settler and was solicitous to avoid taking any steps which might bear the appearance of opposition unless ~~found~~ ^{deemed} imperatively necessary for securing their own interests.

The Secretary was directed to print for circulation and distribute "sailing Directions for entering Port Stanley" as well as placards descriptive of the advantages

offered by this settlement as a part of rest and refreshment. —

Jno Boucher

Falkland Islands Company.

Meeting of Directors

1 Charlotte Row.

Present.

London Feby 26th 1852.

Mr. Hackblock

Mr. Boucher

Mr. Cummins

Sir. Geo R Sartorius

Mr. Bischoff. solicitor.

Mr. Lafone. —

The Minutes of the last meeting of Provisional Directors and of the general meeting both held the 18th inst^h were read and confirmed.

The Secretary announced that, as directed in Resolutions I passed at General Meeting, the Report of the Provisional Directors had been printed and distributed to all the Proprietors.

Ordered that twenty Debentures for one thousand pounds each drawn by Mr Bischoff in terms of the Director's Report be now sealed with the Corporation Seal.

Ordered that the Common seal of the Corporation be now affixed to the Deed of Settlement.

Ordered that the Common Seal be affixed to the shares when ready in the presence of two Directors

Ordered that the Keys of the Common Seal be now given one to Mr. John Hackblock and one to Mr. J. J. Cummins.

Resolved that Mr. Bischoff be requested to prepare an agreement between the Company and Mr. Dale and the proper form of security to be furnished by him and that Mr. Bischoff be provided with Copies of the 2nd resolution passed at the meeting of provisional Directors Jan^y 28 and of the correspondence with Mr. Dale relative thereto.
ordered that a cheque for £102. 15. 3 be given to Messrs. Chattmop & Co for new copper sheathing supplied for the Amelia. —

Ordered that a cheque be given for £350 as an advance of salary to Mr. Dale under the guarantee of Mr. A. R. Lafone by his letter of this date.

A Certificate addressed to the President of the Board of Trade in compliance with the Provisions of the Charter that upwards of one half of the Capital was subscribed for and upwards of one sixth of the Capital paid up was signed by the Directors and Mr. Bischoff was requested to lodge it and procure from the Board of Trade the corresponding endorsement of the Charter.

Ordered that a cheque for £41. 1. 11 be

given to Mr. ^{S.F.}Lafone for 15 days interest on £20,000 from Jan 1st 1852 to the date of the Debentures.

Resolved that Mr. Cummins Mr. Boutcher and Mr. Hackblock enter into the usual bond with H. M.'s Customs for obtaining a sailing license for the "Amelia" with indemnity from the Company against all consequences and that she be entered to hail henceforth from the Port of London.

Resolved that Mr. Cummins Mr. Hackblock and Mr. Boutcher or any two of them be appointed a sub-committee with power to engage offices for the Company's use and arrange what books are to be kept and the form of them and procure order furniture and office fittings as also to agree the draft of a letter to Mr. S. Lafone for the March Packet.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

John Hackblock

Chairman.

Falkland Islands Company.

Meeting of Committee

1 Charlotte Row, City

London Feby 28th 1852.Present

W. Bantcher

W. Mackblock

W. Cummins

Mr Lafone -

The minutes of the Committee meeting held 21 Feby were read and confirmed - the minutes of Board meeting held 26 Feby were also read -

Mr A R Lafone was requested to report in time for consideration for the departure of the Brazil Packet - what stowage for cargo will be disposable in the "Amelia" if she takes the Lighthouse and what stowage if she go to sea without it - also to furnish lists of suitable cargo for either case.

Mr Cummins was requested to engage and sent out a Cooper and Boiler competent to salt and pack beef &c in the best manner - also to order in Cork and Cauce to be sent to Liverpool for shipment by the Amelia 100 new Beef Tierces filled with clean St. Ubes packing salt - with spare wood hoops, bungs, bungcloths, flags &c.

Mr Lafone reported that Mr. Dale was endeavouring to procure shepherds and that he had already engaged Masons, Joiner & Smith.

Mr Cummins announced that Mr. Thos Gillespie of Parkhall had bought for account of the Company two year old Cheviot tups at £3. 10/ each - 4

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hog D° at £3 each - 20 Ewe hogs at 10/6 and 6 blackfaced hogs @

Ordered that these sheep be shipped by the "Amelia" and that Mr. Gillespie be informed when she will be ready to receive them; and that all other sheep and stock which it may be considered desirable to send ~~out~~ be shipped by large vessels having suitable accommodation for their safe conveyance.

Mr. Lafone was requested to forward of "Amelia" Mangold wurtzel, Parsnip, Carrot, Turnip, Cow Cabbage and other suitable agricultural seeds.

Mr. A. K. Lafone having addressed a letter to the Directors guaranteeing the sale of the shares needed to make up 700 as formerly agreed -

Ordered that the 20 debentures for £1000 each drawn in terms of the Directors Report be now handed to Mr. Lafone.

The Secretary was desired to prepare the draft of a letter to Mr. S. P. Lafone and submit same to the members of this Committee before the sailing of the next Packet.

S. J. Garrison

Chairman.

Falkland Islands Company.

Committee Meeting.

1 Charlotte Row - City

London March 6 1852

Present

Mr. Cummins

Mr. Boucher

Mr. Stackblock

Mr. Lafone

Mr. Burt.

The minutes of the Committee meeting held 28th Feb'y were read and confirmed.

Mr. Burt explained to the Committee the various methods of rendering timber incombustible & indestructible by dry rot worms. He recommended Sir William Burnett's process as being the most efficacious and no more expensive than Payne's patent and stated that the timber could be prepared in the best manner at his works at Runcorn at the rate of 10p. @ load of 50 feet - the ordinary rate was 12p. @ 13p. @ load but the price of 10p. was stipulated in order that the solution of chloride of Zinc should be applied in the strongest possible form - this price did not include carriage to & from his works - which would be for the water carriage from Liverpool 1/6 @ ton each way and for cartage to the water side dependent on the situation of the works where the timber was cut up.

Mr. Lafone reported that he had been assured at the Colonial Office that the Post Office Flag would be granted to the Company's mail boat "Amelia" and he recommended that application should be made to Government to allow her

Officers to wear the Post Office button.

He suggested that Government should be asked to grant the Company a plot of land at Stanley for their warehouses and Wharf - also that the cost of any emigrants they might send out should be paid for by Government out of the instalments due by the Company - He stated that it had been suggested to him at the Colonial Office that a letter embodying these requests should be addressed officially by the Board and recommended that they should avail of that opportunity to announce that they had placed the Colonial Management of their Establishment in the hands of Mr. Dale, a gentleman of high character in whom they have entire confidence who, they have every reason to expect, will always be found co-operating heartily with the local Government for the benefit of the Colony and that he will take his passage out in the "Amelia".

A petition to the Honorable Com^{rs} of H: M's Customs that they would allow a new register for the "Amelia" notwithstanding that the Bill of Sale to Mr. Mackean could not at present be produced was read, approved, and signed by Mr. Boucher, Mr. Cummins, + Mr. Shacklock, as owners and ordered to be sent in to the Com^{rs} with the old Register.

Ordered that a cheque for £27 be signed and forwarded to Mess^{rs} G. & T. Watson of Sunderland in payment for a Coble built by Mess^{rs} M. Hodgson Thow for the "Amelia" and approved by Capt. Wilson.

Ordered that a letter be forthwith addressed

to Capt^m Chas. R. D. Bethune R.N. Chief Officer of the Harbour Department of the Admiralty stating that Mr. Cummins & Mr. Boucher who had an interview with him yesterday had made diligent enquiries and ascertained that the timber for the lighthouse can be rendered incombustible by the application of Sir Wm Burnett's patent process and that this important object can be accomplished in the most perfect manner at Runcorn but that as the timber in the rough would have to be sent there and afterwards taken back to the works at Liverpool to be refitted they cannot estimate the additional cost at less than £350- and that if this is sanctioned they will be able to ship the light house by the "Amelia" in accordance with the terms of the tender already before him.

Mr. Lafone laid before the Committee drawings Specification and Estimate for the erection of a store at Stanley by Mess^{rs} Holmes of Liverpool - and was requested to write to the Contractors and ask them to furnish a detailed Specification stating the quantities with separate prices and the fittings also priced - He was also requested to write to Mess^{rs} Holmes and explain to them the wishes of the Directors in respect to having the timber for the light house rendered incombustible by Burnett's process and that same can be done at Runcorn by Mr. Burt in the best

manner, at 16p. load and to require them to state & return for the information of the Board at what extra cost they would undertake to have the whole of the timber Burntized in the strongest manner.

Ordered that 500 sailing Directions for entering Port Stanley be sent to Mr. Cummins for distribution in the various ports of Australia and 500 copies to Mr. Lafone for distribution in Liverpool.

The Draft of a ^{to Mr. L. F. Lafone} letter was read and approved and the Secretary desired to address same to him with the enclosures therein specified by the Packet "Severn" on the 8th Inst.

A Tender for the erection of an Iron light house on Cape Pembroke was received from Messrs. Cottam & Hallen which being read was ordered to be laid on the table for further consideration.

The Secretary was directed to address a letter to Sir John Pakington requesting that he would name an early day to receive the Chairman and Directors on matters of importance to the Colony.

J. W. Cummins
Chairman

Falkland Islands Company.

Committee Meeting

1 Charlotte Row - City -

London. 10th March 1852

Present

Mr. Boucher

Mr. Hackblock

Mr. Cummins

A letter was received by Mr. Lafone from Mr. S. Walcott, Secretary to the Colonial Land and Emigration Comp^{ys} stating that an instalment of £2,000 was due to the Crown on 1st Jan^y. but that £434^{..}9^{..}4 for Beef supplied to the Colonial Government was found due to Mr. Lafone and that the balance £1,565^{..}10^{..}8. should be paid to the Comp^{ys} account at the B^o England.

The Secretary was ordered to write to Mr. Walcott, & inform him of the due constitution of the Company, that all correspondence relative to Mr. Lafone's Contract had been handed over to them & that they would henceforth communicate with him on the subject. Also in reply to the letter just read to hand Mr. Walcott, an extract from Mr. Peel's letter to Mr. Lafone of 28th Dec^r and request him to address the Directors in future on all matters relative to Mr. Lafone's Contract with the Crown.

A letter being received from Mess^{rs} W. & J. Cummins of Cork with B^oading and Invoice of

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Sundries shipped by them to Liverpool for the Company's account for which they had drawn for £79¹⁴/₁₀₀°.

Ordered that a cheque be signed for £79¹⁴/₁₀₀° and handed to Messrs Cummins with the Directors thanks.

The Secretary was desired to address a letter to Sir John Pakington asking his permission that the expenses of selecting emigrants sent out by the Company may be charged against instalments due to the Crown and informing him of the appointment of Mr. Dale as Colonial Manager and that he is preparing to go out in the "Amelia".

A letter was read from Mr. Hicks asking to be appointed the Company's Storekeeper at Stanley.

A note was received from Sir John Pakington appointing tomorrow at 3.30 to receive the Directors.

The Secretary was directed to write to Mr. Hicks to inform him that the Directors are willing to engage his services on the terms proposed (salary to commence on the day of his leaving England) provided he sign an agreement prepared by Mr. Bischoff and give security for £300.

J. M. Boutcher

Chairman

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Falkland Islands Company -

Committee Meeting -

London. March 16th 1852

1 Charlotte Row - City -

Present

Mr. Boucher

Mr. Cummins

Mr. Hackblock

Mr. Lafone -

Mr. Cummins read the draft of a letter to be addressed by the Directors to the Colonial Office

Ordered that the Secretary, address a letter to Sir John Pakington in terms of the draft just read -

Ordered that a cheque be forwarded to Messrs Boucher, Mortimore Gale & Co. for £175, 13, 2^d disbursements made by them on account of the "Amelia" -

Form of Agreement for subordinate Colonial Servants as now presented ordered to be lithographed for execution by those who undertake to go out to the Islands -

Mr. Lafone read extracts of a letter from Mr. S. F. Lafone relative to the Falklands - He laid on the table a series of documents relative to the Governor's conduct, and Mr. Cummins undertook to read same, and report upon them -

Ordered that Mr. Wischoff be instructed to prepare an Agreement between Mr.

Charles

Charles Hicks and the Company for his services as Storekeeper for a term of Five years at a salary of (£200) ^{Two hundred pounds} per annum with a Commission of five per cent upon the amount of net profit realized by sale of goods out of the Store at Stanley - Salary to commence from the day of his leaving England - his and his wife's passage to be paid out - He to be subject in all respects to the orders of Mr. J. P. Dale - Agreement terminable by the Directors as in Mr. Dale's agreement but by three months notice - Also to prepare a fidelity bond in the usual form binding Mr. Hicks' securities in the sum of (£150) One hundred & fifty pounds each for his due fulfilment of its terms -

Ordered that the Secretary procure One Post Office Flag and send same to Captain Wilson with a copy of the Earl of Desarts letter permitting it to be hoisted on board the "Amelia" -

Ordered that Mr. Wischoff be instructed to draw a power of attorney from the Company to Mr. Dale giving him power to sue & alter the Agreement and Fidelity Bond now approved accordingly -

Ordered that the draft Fidelity Bond for Mr. Dale be handed to Mr. Lafone for his perusal -

Ordered that the consideration of

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of Mess^{rs} Holmes' specification for a Store be deferred until
an answer be received from the Colonial Office relative
to the Light House -

Ordered that the Secretary address a
note to the Directors of the National Mercantile
Assurance Company accepting their offer of Offices
at fifty pounds (£50) a year, and requesting them to
allow five pounds (£5) towards expenses of painting &c.

J. M. Butcher
Chairman

