

N^o 680.

M^r. W. ^{Sheben,} ~~Columbia~~ London, 39, Gracechurch St. 12th Nov^r. 1886.
direct

Sir,

Falkland Islands Company.

Enclosing Duplicates of our last on 19th ultimo of Pacific M^r. 'Walparaiso' through Sandy Point and my extra letters of 22nd, 23rd October to catch her at Lisbon, we have to acknowledge your Despatch 422 of 15th Sept^r brought up to Montevideo by the 'Hornet' and received here 27th ult. ex Pacific M^r. 'Galicia' to Lisbon - and N^o 423 dated 27th and 30th Sept^r per 'Totmes' to Montevideo received yesterday from Southampton by Ship letter, with Enclosures Memo of 1st Oct^r and your letter to me all in order: this M^r. 'Totmes' arrived at Havre on 3rd inst. with our Cargo and Hugh Cameron, Shepherd, and on 2nd inst. we received from Montevideo your Envelope of 1st Oct^r containing three Bills of Lading of the 'Totmes' cargo, evidently brought to Montevideo and handed by the Captain to our Agent being posted 8th Oct^r - we send details of the above to the General Post Office asking the reason of delay, but as their explanation of the delay of N^o 420 did not amount to much I took the precaution of writing on 2nd inst. to W. Gifford Palgrave Esq, Minister Resident and Consul General at Montevideo, asking him to issue instructions for quick and earliest attention to the Falkland Mail Bags and sent him a copy of our last Mail Table.

2. N^o 422, 4, 3. We are all grieved at the misfortune to the 'Hornet' and trust her repairs will be properly carried out at Montevideo and not cost too much money, the Protest & sent will enable us to claim the expenses from the Underwriters.

3. Par 4. The bottle jacks have been returned to Rowson but they have not replaced them by Screw Jacks this shipment so it must be attended to by the next Steamer.

4. Par 5. We had already ordered Lloyd's Register of Shipping which goes by this opportunity, there will consequently be ample time before next year's issue for you to decide whether this or the Universal Register is to be supplied in future.

5. Par 6. It is unfortunate that Tyler's Hydraulic Pumps are dearer than formerly, copy of their letter 3rd Nov^r in reply to our complaint explains the reason & I believe you advised it would be safer to have the better kind.

Frederick E. Cobb Esq
Colonial Manager
Stanley.

6. Par 7. We have ^{not} heard anything from Mr. Kirsten about his Steamers calling at the Falklands on their way to the West Coast of South America and learn from others that his proposal has been abandoned.

7. Par 9. I have enquired at one of the engaging Offices and am told that the new Captain of a Vessel has to sign upon the Register at the Custom House and then his name is entered on the Ship's Articles without the former Captain attending or signing, this is reasonable as he might have left the country in another vessel.

8. The Colonial and Indian Exhibition closed (yesterday) the 10th inst. the samples of Tallow you were to send never arrived, our Executive Commissioner has been applied to respecting Tallow, Oils and Fats from the Colony and I have to report to Mr. Leopold Field on the subject - we have arranged that most probably our show of Wool &c. will remain for next year's Exhibition.

9. The Directors desire me to observe that they trust that the Stanley Balanced Accounts will be sent off by the earliest possible Mail to give ample time for their combination with our Accounts for the Annual Meeting.

10. On 5th inst. 9.28 am Telegram Home N^o. 60 arrived - "Heuston leaves November telepar J. P. Smith Thomas Carnarvon" meaning that the "J. P. Smith" had put in in distress was in Dean's hands but we were to get her business if possible, we immediately wrote to Mr. Thomas who replies that by telegram the Captain has been invested with full authority to act and he does not feel disposed to interfere - the same morning Lloyd's sent copy of your telegram about her and the 'Ada Browne's' leak having been found and stopped. The next day we wrote Mr. Heuston that her husband would leave 28 Nov^r, the appointment is at Busselton Western Australia, a seacoast Town South of Perth. The 'Dennis Brunndrit' sailed 29th ult. - we have sent our new Mail Table &c. to Capt^r Reynell J. Fortescue of H. M. S. 'Swallow' gone out to the Squadron on the South East coast of South America.

11. Since commencing this Despatch which was to have left by the S^t. 'Selenbria' on 13th we have received notice that her sailing from Cardiff is delayed until the 16th inst. the date has therefore been altered to the 13th for the 'Kosmos' N^o. 'Theben'. The 'Selenbria' has received all our cargo here and will take Mr. Dickie & W. Kennedy our Shepherd on board at Cardiff, also 30 Rams for us, 10 from Hobbs 10 from Pott as before and 10 from Mr. Herrow, which are more Cheviot breed than the others, we shall be glad ^{to purchase} which breeder is most approved of for future shipments, as the 'Selenbria' ought to convey 20 more next April - there are 21 for Cameron supposed to be pure Cheviots, I have written Kennedy that he will be entitled to pay for looking after these

21 Rams - Mr. Blake takes out 16 Romney Marsh Rams & there are 14 for a Mr. Sutherland - Capt. Fowler has a gratuity certificate of ten shillings each for ours landed alive & in good condition and will I suppose expect the same for Cameron's - Mr. Spurring the Chief Officer has one for five shillings each. As the Directors consider that the expense of my journey to Cardiff ought not to be incurred we have employed Messrs. G. W. Jones, Ingram & Co. to attend to our matters, so if they write to you you will understand they have authority for so doing. Mr. Blake ships 100 drums Mr. Dougall's Sheep Dip which is on our Bill of Lading - and we have allowed them to send 100 drums for us at their expense & not to be paid for unless used and proved serviceable according to their correspondence with you direct. There is a large quantity of Stores for C. Williams from Boston & Gates and others - Mr. G. T. Morton ships goods for Mr. Langdon. Your 423, 5, asks for 400 Tallow Casks in stook by the 'Selambria', this is impossible but as she has 178 extra casks for the Coals, Coke and Lime and there are 130 Ale and 2 Vinegar casks, we trust this quantity will be sufficient as we cannot ship such goods as stooks until the 'Selambria' next April. With regard to your wish to receive some superior Cigars for Mr. Barkly and yourself in bond through this Steamer's Store supplies, I have done my utmost to accomplish this with Capt. Fowler's assistance but finding it impossible have sent them duty paid, though this was not agreed to until learning that the extra cost would be under one penny each Cigar, which I concluded you would both readily pay to obtain the fine article we have shipped - Capt. Fowler has kindly taken charge of the case in his stateroom - freight and insurance to be charged at Stanley. Mr. Hume of Dumphries cannot get a Sheep Dog for Cameron, nor can Mr. Morrison of Isle of Harris get one for her husband. The Falkland Islands Meat Co. has requested that the 'Selambria' may be allowed to put upon one of our hulks 200 tons Coals in bags on her arrival, that she may go round & fill up her holds refrigerating, and take them on board again before leaving Stanley for homeward steaming, we gave permission for this provided you can find space and agreed that the charge for rent should be made as low as possible. Mr. Woolf has just called to say that he goes out in sole command and wants a letter from me about our giving them more than 4,500 carcasses, he has one for 6,000 the Board's limit, but if absolutely needful I think the Directors would not mind you going higher than this figure, but we must have the earliest intimation of the number provided or likely to be killed for them to enable us to arrange terms for the extra payment: Mr. Woolf tells me that John Bayley is engaged by Mr. Cameron to look after his Rams, we have written Kennedy if this is carried out he will not have any claim on Cameron. We have paid for the two Sheep Pens for our Rams, 15 on each side of hatch, as I insisted upon their being placed midships being the safest part of the vessel.

12. N^o 423, 4, 24. We are sorry to learn that Whetham's Canvas is not approved, in future the Edinburgh Ropery Co's canvas will be sent - you complain of the groceries please specify whether from Grose & Blackwell or G. J. Morton, we shall cease dealing with Morris Millar & Co for Tea and shall ^{try} get it from the Civil Service Supply Association Co or a Broker in Mincing Lane just recommended to us - we employed Hastings for Bacon & bearing his wares were good, I believe we ought to return to Pates unless the Civil Service Ass^{ts} would supply our small quantities - Crowl must replace the improper hannels collar and reimburse all charges, he is proved to be the right man as he now supplies the whole of the Colony as well as Tierra del Fuego & Patagonia. Messrs W. & A. Gibbey Wine & Spirit Merchants, Pantheon, Oxford St., have offered their Agency at the Falklands to us as per letter dated yesterday, copy enclosed, circulars going by 'Selenbria', we think it would be well to accept this so I must learn further particulars.

Par 25. Your letter and specification has been sent to Messrs Welch & Co for answer this morning but it has not arrived - the Board considers it would be difficult & very risky to work such a charter as you propose we must send these details on 15th to Messrs Welch for their advice and shall endeavour to send full & definite decision by next Mail.

Writing upon Stores we send copy of Messrs Townsend & Spearings Circular of 5th July last about supplying ~~supplies~~ Stores, shipping Sheep and bringing back Produce by a Steamer kindly lent me to copy by Mr. Langridge, this must be by the St. 'Granville' already reported, which it is considered will be a losing charter.

From the extracts of the Fosmos Co's letter of 10th inst. you will see they are inclined to assist in getting out Stores at a cheaper rate by allowing the reduced Valparaiso rate provided we can give their Steamers good cargoes of Produce to England, but even then the expenses to Hamburg bring it to 35/- for Meter cube, then adding one seventh for the less measurement of Meter in comparison to English cube it amounts at once to 40/- the charge proposed by Townsend leaving nothing for our Schooners delivering at West Falkland, therefore this business requires your further careful consideration.

13. Par 8, 10, 16. The Fosmos St. 'Totmes' behaved remarkably well stopping so long at Sandy Point for the Pacific St. 'Clopasi' and then getting the Mails from her ashore at Delgada Point, I doubt if an English Captain would have taken so much trouble. I am sorry you did not receive Telegram Out N^o 38 announcing that the 'Ada Brown' was consigned to us.

14. Par 21. We send particulars of prices of ships staunchions for your guidance as to Capt. Fowler's offer.

15. Par 22. We sent your memos about Mr. Dixon's land to him and as you implied that he had no correct title to same he said he should give up the matter as you now say we might make an offer of £60 the matter must be further examined.

16. Par 17. We regret to learn