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Colonies

via Bristol.

5th July. 0.

Sir,

I returned last evening from Darwin Harbour in the Gates and as this would have been delayed by northerly winds am able to send you a few more lines.

1. I enclose the Customs account; Capt. Stamper had to pay a balance of £3. 0. 9. as stock in exchange some buttons and stores which we are short.

2. You will probably understand the analysis of the Victoria Gatham's cargo enclosed in Mr. Travis's despatch; but I may remark that my object was to show that only a certain portion of a cargo is convertible into cash, and that even within an uncertain period. I accompany this Sir as also preparing an analysis of the Cash Book from the ship's arrival

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Secretary
Londonderry.

arrival to the present date, showing receipts & Expenditure more clearly than in the Journal. This however is only partly finished. With reference to the stores, I intend to forward a general indent in plenty of time for the most needful, in which I shall devote special care to those goods which my Experience now shows me are most readily saleable.

6. I had two clear days at Darwin Harbour and rode round Teal Creek and Bantera. The sheep do not look so well this year as last, more especially last October's lambs, and were it not that we are having an unusually mild winter, I should fear a severe loss. The breeding ewes are in fair order, and the rams quite clear. I therefore

expect a good lambing. Continuing [illegible] as far as possible six men have just left Lyons ap where engaged for the shipping only viz. Juan Echandi master, J. G. Gummer, C. Fisher, J. Connolly C. Lewis, labourers. John Holgowan shepherd. They are on their way to Stanley per steamer &c.

5. The absence of a spring vessel this year has been that Juan right in getting salt from Montevideo. I have been speaking to the head gauchos about this season's work, and shall soon send the salt round to Lapomia. The gauchos will start in September or October, and [illegible] promises to lay by collect between 4000 & 5000 hides for the next vessel. The salt is approved of, it is finer lisbon, and is of larger grain than that from Cadiz, therefore more serviceable. You should send it, if possible, in preference.

6 The Perseverance is returning from Darwin Harbour via Fitzroy, and the crew will be discharged and the carpenter put upon her. She is almost run to pieces, and must be completely overhauled.

7 I hear from Captain that he was much upset by a report by Capt. Bully in Montevideo of a supposed conversation I had had with the latter in which I was made to say among other things that Pim should be turned out the first favorable chance in favour of Campbell, and that if I got the mail contract, Capt. McNally should have the boats. This scoundrel has done much to set people by the ears, and has been hitched out of most honour in Stanley through his love of circulating malicious falsehoods, of which this is an ordinary specimen. As Pain however, took it for Gospel,

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and more about it to his friends, it is well to mention that although he was inordinately sumptuous and conceited when he first came out, he has since given me satisfaction which continues to increase, as each passage he makes is better than the last, and his attention to the vessel and his continued sobriety compares very favourably with the qualities exhibited by other shipmasters in this Port.

I am Sir,
Your obedient Servant
Edwd. E. Cook.
Colonial Secretary.

Enclosure.
Osborne's account.

## Public Notice.

Messrs. Lamb & the schooner Fairy & Lewis of the Southern Cross beg to inform the public that they have made arrangements to despt to Sierra del Fuego every six months instead of quarterly as hitherto. It is expected that the Southern Cross will leave about the end of September (if possible to get ready) and return about the end of March 1871, when the Fairy, Capt Lamb, will (if the mainsail can be made to fit) leave for the mouth of the Balleany, if there is anything left to drink.

Persons requiring a passage or freight are requested to send an early application to the Admiral Charles Hansen, Pickwell Villa, otherwise the schooner will not be kept more than one month after time of sailing.

Signed { Stick in the mud & do little
Stop in here and do nothing.

N. B. The schooner Louisa is Expected to leave Stanley early in October, being detained here from various causes too numerous to mention.

The heavy cargo of wrecked goods brought in the Louisa is Expected to be sold by public auction the latter end of the year or beginning of 1871. Going, going, going, but not yet gone.

Account of Property transferred to "Building Account" and "Plant and Utensils" as desired in despatch 103. par. 11.

## Building Account

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| House on section 38 | | 150. 0. 0 |
| " " " | do | 100. 0. 0 |
| " at Bodie Creek | | 150. 0. 0 |
| Wool Shed, House at dip, sheep pens, and paddocks, dipping apparatus, including press and tanks | | 1250. 0. 0 |
| per Beta Draining pipes 7. 10. 0 | | |
| " Latham House 307. 13. 0 | | |
| | 315. 3. 0 | |
| 25% | 78. 15. 9 | 393. 18. 9 |
| New Store and house at Darwin Harbour | | 300. 0. 0 |
| | | £ 2343. 18. 9 |

## Plant and Utensils.

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|---|---|---|
| per Beta, 1867 | | |
| Touring Plano | | 11. 9 |
| Matilda, 1867. | | |
| Smiths block | 1. 12. 5 | |
| Ploughs | 21. 4. 0 | |
| Wire fencing | 164. 2. 6 | |
| Shandies | 34. 4. 6 | |
| Sheep nets | 4. 19. 0 | |
| | | 226. 14. 2 |
| Carried over | | |

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|---|---|---|---|
| Brought forward | 226. | 14. | 2 |
| Per Astrolabe. 1868 | | | |
| Sweeping Machine | 5. | 15. | 0 |
| Coffee Roaster | 11. | 3. | 6 |
| " Matilda. 1868 | | | |
| Weighing Machine | 1. | 4. | 6 |
| " Elizabeth Brown. 1869 | | | |
| Wire fencing | 162. | 5. | 0 |
| " Victoria Eathams. 1869 | | | |
| Cart | 13. | 11. | 0 |
| Wool press | 37. | 10. | 0 |
| Tanks | 20. | 0. | 0 |
| " Volunia. 1870 | | | |
| Tanks | 41. | 4 | 0 |
| " Victoria Eathams. 1870 | | | |
| Lamps | | 19. | 0 |
| Lathe | 13. | 0. | 0 |
| Stocks, taps & dies | 15. | 11. | 0 |
| Bench Vice | 1. | 16. | 9 |
| Repairing old do. | " | " | " |
| Weighing Machine | 6. | 19. | 6 |
| Tanks &c. | 48. | 0. | 0 |
| Sheep nets | 10. | 7. | 0 |
| Ladder | 4. | 2 | 4 |
| Tallow Staves & Shovels | 66. | 17. | 7 |
| | 687. | 0. | 4 |
| 25% | 171. | 15. | 1 |
| £ | 858. | 15. | 5 |

These accounts are made up from the date of my arrival, and are as accurate as I can make them.

Stanley 30th June. 1870.

Jeal Cloos.
Colonial Manager

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Advance
via Cork.

18th June 0.

Sir,

This vessel arrived 11th inst. from San Francisco short of provisions and with a very foul bottom which has been cleaned as far as practicable. I enclose her account, and Capt. Taylor's draft on Messrs Blanch & Co for £83.18.6. I also send a bill of advice, and would suggest your having some blank forms printed for our use.

2. It is most unlikely that she can be home before the mail of 1st proximo. I have therefore already to advise that the stocktaking is almost completed, and that I hope to send the annual returns per mail.

3. The Governor has been to Fort Louis since the stores and is likely to be long before he gives another charter.

I am Sir,
Your obed.t servant
Edward Cook.
Colonial Treasurer

Enclosures
Draft for £100 Govt.
1st. 83.18/6
Letter of Advice.

Falkland Islands &c.
Stanley, 20th July, 1870

Sir,

With reference to a death which has recently taken place in the Camp I am now obliged to ask Your Excellency whether it is the intention of the Colonial Chaplain to go out to perform the burial service, or not.

On Saturday last I received notice from the Camp Manager of the death of an aged woman named Smith at Tranquilidad, accompanied by a request that I would get Mr. Bull to go out to Darwin Harbour, and send to Port Louis for George Smith, a relative of the deceased.

I sent Mr. Travis to see the Colonial Chaplain the same evening, and ascertained that after Monday, when he had an engagement at the Magistrate's Court in his commercial capacity, the reverend gentleman would be ready to start.

His Excellency
Colonel D'Arcy,
Governor.
&c. &c. &c.

On Sunday morning I despatched a messenger to Port Louis and he returned in the evening with George Smith, who brought a horse for Mr. Bull.

On Monday morning Smith informed me that he had called at Mr. Bull's house, and heard that he was not going to ride out. About the same time Mr. Byng asked what I would send the boat for, and I named a sum per day, which would do little more than cover the expenses and wear and tear of the vessel. An offer was made of £15 for the trip, the vessel to be detained at Darwin Harbour over Sunday, this I did not feel justified in accepting, but agreed to take it if the boat might return immediately after the funeral. Eventually I was informed that Mr. Bull would go on horseback today (Wed.

necessary if the Team did not arrive in the meantime; but as Smith had by that time left with the spare horse, I was obliged to say that I had not another to lend.

Yesterday evening I heard that Mr. Bull's journey had been again postponed until Thursday. It does not appear to be certain that he will go even then.

As it may be necessary to perform the funeral without Mr. Bull's assistance if delayed much longer, I shall be glad of an early reply from Your Excellency in order that I may send word to the relatives by a special messenger tomorrow morning. In the event of any further delay on Mr. Bull's part, they will then be able to take their own measures.

I have purposely abstained

from commenting on the
facts I have stated; were
I to commence, I might
betray myself into expressions
not very complimentary
to the Colonial Chaplain.

I have the honour to be
Sir.
Your Excellency's most obed.t
humble servant
Jeav. Elliot.
Colonial Secretary

Falkland Islands &c
Stanley 22nd July 1870.

Sir,

I have the honour to request that Your Excellency will draw the attention of the Surveyor General to the state of the drain leading to the beach from the Government Slaughter House. I am having the place repaved at the Company's expense, and find that it will be impossible to keep it sweet, unless the drain has a fall given to it. The present drain is laid at a level for some yards from the house, and the consequence is that it very soon becomes choked up; whereas the situation would make it an easy thing to give it a good incline from the very commencement.

I hope that as I am putting the interior of the house

His Excellency
Colonel D'Arcy
Governor
&c. &c. &c.

house into complete repair.
Your Excellency will think
fit to assist me by
having the requisite
alteration made in the
drain.

I have the honour to be.
Sir.
Your Excellency's most obedient
humble servant.

Jean Lloos.
Colonial Treasurer

To His Excellency
Colonel George D'Arcy,
Governor and Commander in Chief
of the Falkland Islands and its
Dependencies &c &c &c

The humble petition of
the Merchants, Landholders
and other Inhabitants of Stanley
and the Falkland Islands,
sheweth —

1. That your petitioners
regret that Your Excellency in
Council has seen fit to impose
a tax on spirits, wine and beer,
by an Ordinance passed July
1870.

2. That your petitioners
with all due deference to
Your Excellency are of opinion that
the mode of imposing this tax
(viz: in a Council composed of
two Officials and one Colonist)
is oppressive; and that if it be
necessary for any specific purpose
to tax the community, those
persons

from on whom the tax would fall should be adequately represented in the Council, and that the money so obtained should be applied to some Expres purpose and accounted for to the Colonists.

3. Further, that your petitioners desire to lay before your Excellency the difficulty of carrying out the tax as at present proposed, as the Merchant cannot be reasonably expected to pay duty on spirits wine or beer before they may require them for sale. That a Bonded Store and an Excise officer will be necessary, and that it will be impossible to prevent smuggling without a staff of prevention Officers, as a boat could at present land anywhere in the Settlement at night, there being no Sentry nor even a constable on duty after 10. p.m.

4. Further that your petitioners do not consider the Colony to be in a sufficiently thriving State to commence taxation

taxation of any kind, as the stipend on which the settlement is dependent for support is decreasing annually, while the stock of sheep in the Colony is increasing but slowly, owing to the ravages of the dogs. Further that the settlers on the East Island have only recently imported sheep, which are not likely to pay expenses for some years, and that agriculture to any extent is out of the question, owing to the uncertainty of the climate.

5. That your petitioners are of opinion that the port of Moulay ceasing to be a free port would be most injurious to the interests of the Colony, as it would have the effect of decreasing the already very limited number of vessels calling during the year.

6. That your petitioners would most humbly request that your Excellency apply to the Secretary of State for an increase of the Parliamentary Grant to the amount at which it stood until

until the last year, the revenue
derived from the East Falklands
not reaching the anticipations
of your Excellency's predecessor, and
they would further suggest that
such application be accompanied
by a copy of this petition.

And your petitioners do
humbly pray that the tax in
question be repealed.

(signed) Sea. Cobb. (&) George McDean.

And all colonists not connected
with Govt or Govt officers.

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Foam

6th Aug. 0.

Sir,

The Foam returned from Montevideo on the 23rd ult., and by her I received your despatches 102/0.7 the six cases per La Plata; the five shepherds with their dogs arrived safely, but without the hares.

2. 105-2. As it has been decided not to add to the wool shed this year further particulars are unnecessary. 3. Our account of the Rockhand Estate went per despatch 83, with the fullest details I could give. I have since heard (only yesterday) that the sheep continue clean. The account has been reduced by £1100 this year.

3. You have singularly misunderstood my arrangement about the Fairy, apparently through my writing "6 mos." instead of "at six months". No expenditure of each has been made, or will be made, as the Fairy has earned in salvage more than

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Secy. Londonderry &c.

enough to cover the £375.
Knowing the certainty of success I do not think I was wrong in helping the man to get the schooner. As I deemed a client who will do business with the Company to at least £500 per annum and always give me the preference in his sealing enterprises is a most energetic man he has lately brought back a full and valuable cargo from the Balearny after an absence of only 10 days from Port William.

Par. 3. In reference to this it is only necessary to remark that it is not etiquette to call on a Governor officially until his predecessor has left. Such at least is the rule in this Colony.

Par. 6. As you are aware, the Victoria Jackman carried all our cargo; but Even had she not I never should have known the dollars to the pound and could have forwarded any surplus by her for transhipment into the

deal chicken.

6. Par. J. C. reported in 79 2, the Head of Athens did not fetch much. The schooner Eagle has been down but landing was not possible. The boiler & Sundries load had been carried away by the tide.

7. Par. B. saw not aware of any difficulty in doing business with Mr. Bell nor that my grandmother from that, nor did I think that the Directors would expect their representative to submit to lectures on business from an outsider or to be insulted at & a tradesman without resenting it. Mr. Robinson said Mr. Bell's expressions were coarse, and that he did not think Lucent beyond legitimate bargaining, considering the provocations I have submitted to a good deal of insolence from that man. However it is hardly worth mentioning.

8. Tis no disappointment that my leave is refused, as I was not unlikely to take advantage of it; but you have again misunderstood me when you say that I should be away 3 months, ignoring what I said about going in a man of war. For instance

Boat was sailed 7 Dec. Team returned 31 Jan. 1856
Upgrades - 8 Apl. - 29 May - 8½ "

9. Par. 10. I am sure that we could not have the wool ready to sail before quite the end of February, and I doubt if we could by then without much large shearing accommodation. The weather is generally unsettled in January in fact although September Oct. & Nov. are generally dry, there were only 2 inches of rain in the 3 months in 1867 December and January are noted for more or less rain every day. If the vessel sails in October there will be a quantity of cargo left to go with Montevideo; and the Board, which I drew up especially for the Flying Squadron is utterly unsuitable as a general one. I shall endeavour to send another more suited to the Colony per Mr. Deans Mundungo, to sail in about a weeks time, and beg that you will not send the Wool ship until the middle of November at least. or if you do let it be kept to my

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option to take her up or not as in the Charter party of the Matilda 7th Aug. 1868, by which Scouler have sent her home for £500, including going to Darwin. If it were kept in this way, Scouler have three ways open to me, viz. to take her up again, buy the Galeany or charter her home if bought by anyone else or send to Montevideo for a vessel. Mr Dean got the Hennings for £550 including a cargo from Montevideo.

2d. Par. 12. When our Lady Margaret is considered fit to sail to San Francisco, it will be time enough to think seriously of moving the Egmont. The idea was received with derision when Mr Travis was on board her, and the officers told him that she nearly sank in Rio Harbour and must inevitably go down if she went to sea. I had a talk with Governor about it, and found that he had written home opposing the use of the Govt. steamer to the Admiralty. Of course the advantage the Comp. could offer would be fresh meat, coals, &c.

11. 1866 1. Return
landing certificate as desired.
Aitken, Campbell, Smith, and
Kyle went to Darwin by
Mr. Dean's cutter Fanny, which
he was leasing for some wool
from his stay sheep which
had been shorn at Darwin.
She sent them up for nothing,
as I had obliged him by letting
the Freemasons call at one of
his stations last April. Mr.
Kinnell got very drunk the
night before, and lost the use
of his leg through exposure.
She is still unable to walk
and remains in Stanley. Ait-
ken and Campbell are well
spoken young fellows, and seem
likely to do well.

12. William Duncan
has undertaken to pay £15,
if called upon, for the passage
out of Jane Read, 21 Spittle
Old Aberdeen. She is his
"good mother", which I believe
is Scotch for mother-in-law.

13. The spirit has has
passed the Legislative Coun-
cil, and become law, subject
to confirmation from home.
I enclose a copy, as also that
of a petition to H.E. and his

to pay. I think the matter should be seen to at home, as the Government are trying to get in the thin end of the wedge. I think the ordinance is put together very badly, the omission of a bonded store, and the provisions for payment absurd. In the letter I wrote about it I took care to qualify what I said by doubting the necessity of raising more money. It seems absurd that we should be taxed to support two doctors, a Surveyor General and a corps now called The Royal Marine Light Scavengers, as they are knocked off all sentry duty and military work, and are employed for double pay, check money, and free rations in cleaning up the town, which they do in a most scavengerly manner. I have been looking up the matter lately, and feel sure the Colony is carried on most expensively; free labour, to begin with, would be cheaper, one Doctor, quite as efficient as our two, could be obtained for less money, a pauper subsidized by the Government at, say £200 a year, the remainder to be made up by the Colonists, who will have a voice in Church matters, to be On reference to the C.O. list. Since all offices have had their salaries raised,

at least with hardly an exception) and now two new appointments are to be made. I should say three. Mr Francis as Finance Clerk. Mr Jupp in as Clerk of the Court, and I am informed - Mr Street as Col Collector of Customs.

11. When you send preserved milk, get the Anglo Swiss condensed milk Co's manufacture. It comes from Cham Switzerland, and the office is in Cornhill. Capt. Taylor of the Avenger had it, and it was most delicious. Send to it comes Borden's Eagle Brand milk, which she sent if the above is not obtainable. Milk powders, and Nestle's and other English compounds should be avoided.

12. The Governor wishes to exchange the Foam for the Volage and Sea'd I would report it to the Director. I would not exchange, unless a large sum was offered into the bargain, say £1500, as the Foam is more flashy, and would require much alteration; besides she draws a good many feet, and has all the Volage's disadvantages

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with nothing to counterbalance them. I re iterated to the Gov. our offer to run the mail, and should like to know whether the Directors could not arrange to send out regular supplies of light goods fresh and fresh by the cheap steamers, so as to make it worth our while to take the Peninsular allowance viz £800 a year. Mr Bell keeps the steamer running almost constantly in this way and Spaney must be turning over some money. The demand for house coal and other heavy goods is not sufficient to freight our annual wool vessel out. Spain could run the mail for £800 a year I believe we should get it, and should be able to work the steamer and remit much more closely than now, when I have to guess what will be wanted in the Colony about nine months hence. The passenger money reaches over £200 a year, in part when there is a wrecked crew it comes to something considerable.

15. In my letters to Mr. Packard you will observe remarks about Mr. Bull not going to the Camp to conduct a funeral. Peter Smith's sister, a very old woman, is dead, and I was unable to get Bull out, and the service was read by Cameron. Great indignation was felt in the Camp and they are bestirring themselves to raise money for a Scotch Minister at last.

16. The U. S. whaling barque Alto, 213 tons, was wrecked 12th ult on West Cape. She had nearly 1000 bbls. oil, and I have sent the Natives away to cruize about and see if there is anything to be picked up. (The Louisa went away with her 25th ult.) and has returned without seeing anything, but I hope as she is so long away she may have picked up a cargo.

17. Mrs Shepherd per Victoria Jackman, Goodwin and Clark are first rate men; the Hampshire men are the merest Labourers and the Hemel Hempsted lad no better.

18. The Sea Witch still lies untouched, though her cargo has gone away; should you be able to close for her at £600 or even £700 as she stands, you would do well. She would make an excellent hulk for dry goods, and I believe her damages were exaggerated, and that it would not take very much to send her to sea if desired. Her masts, spars, rigging and sails are good. If sold here, I know that Dean will do all he can to prevent my getting her, as it would stop his monopoly; and she would not go under £1000, just as he had to pay £960 for the Cosmopolite a much smaller vessel.

19. I send a drawing of some sails wanted for the Perseverance. They will cost less at home than here, and fit better and be more shapely if made by a regular sailmaker.

20. The Governor was very much pleased with the Lotus, and will very likely take her round the Islands this year.

21. The proceeds of the wool sold for Baillon & Stickney, &c. Baillon wishes you to remit to Mr. Louis Baillon, Nottingham.

22. I think it is desirable to give up sending private parcels free by our ships, excepting for persons in the Company's employ. You should have the freight paid before hand, in London, so, that there may be no difficulty here. Sending out boxes free does the Company no good, people who are not even customers have come to look upon it as a right, and I have particularly noticed that the people who receive the most attention are the first to turn against us. There is not such a thing as gratitude in the place. Had you not sent the parcels per T. T. perhaps all our cargo could have come; as it happened, the boxes for Cameron from Cameron, and Smith from Burnie, (amateur people) did not turn up. I enclose a note from the Gov. referring to some boxes in London, you will observe that he does not expect them freight free, nor would such a thing be looked for in any other part of the world.

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23. The Government has thrown up the reserves, and they are being snapped up on all sides. I have contented myself with applying for the Swan Inlet reserve, the possession of which by another person might be a serious matter for the Company.

24. Mr Spavio has discovered that he numbered the bill sent in desp. 84, wrongly, it should have been 227.

25. John Campbell of the Perseverance has asked me to get him a strong cased watch like Jolli's and Ochandi's; he is a most excellent servant, so I hope you will undertake this trouble for him. Price about £7. 10/.

26. The lighthouse has been badly kept up lately, and I had to write to the Governor, as per enclosed letter. I have not heard the result of the enquiry.

27. Capt. Parke has discharged Mr Simpson, and now carries on his own business. I am inclined to think that he might be bought out for no large sum.

28. As mentioned already Mr. Travis is to be Finance Clerk and has given me notice that he will leave on the 28th January. I have not been very well pleased with the way in which he was enticed away; of course it is made out that it is his own doing, but I know that he was advised to apply by a Government officer, and I think they have hardly done fairly in getting away my only Clerk, just as he had become thoroughly accustomed to his work, up to the ropes, as the saying is. They had many to choose from in London. I enclose some extracts from the Colonial Regulations, which make it appear strange that the appointment was granted.

29. Ernest has applied for the situation, but I almost doubt his fitness for it. I daresay that simply as a Clerk he would do very well; but I could hardly leave him in charge when I go to the Camp, as he blusters too much, and the men would not attend to him. If he came as Clerk, Cameron would make a good

Storekeeper, indeed I regret his application to me was not made sooner after Turner sent in his notice. Should you decide on sending out Mr. Langdon I wish it to be understood that I intend to take all the Store books into the office, as his time cannot be filled up. During Mr. Gamell's & Turner's time the Store books were kept in the Store, but the Storekeeper has not time to attend to them properly, and look after the work as well. Since Mr. Francis's return I have given the books to him, as his work was rather light before.

30. Biggs and Grant have handed me letters from yourself and Mr. Langdon respectively.

31. By first chance a cooking stove is wanted for the Store, her present one being burnt out.

32. (Referring to par. 19) perhaps a spinniker would be more suitable than a square sail. I should have mentioned that from the perseverance built (she was a Ketch) and the position of her masts, her mainsail has to be slightly smaller than the foresail.

33. Mr. Travis is still working on the accounts, and will I think be able to send a balance sheet by the mail. The stock operations have to be copied into our books, and will go per Shuswinga.

34. This is quite the dead season and I have no Camp operations to report. I am happy to say that we are selling a good quantity of beef this year, and that there is no longer any fear of being obliged to stop killing again.

35. Mr. Bonhand has asked to be relieved as soon as possible; I should like to see the Directors views by the July mail first, but I shall see what I can do as soon as the mail has left. I may put Bell in charge, but it will depend on what I hear further from Darwin.

36. There was a rumour of sheep disease in the Flats, but it seems not to be much. Mr. Waldron goes up for horses this mail, and Mr. Williams will get his sheep down shortly. Mr. Waldron has given me a bill on his brother, as noted in the Enclosures.

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Stanley, Falkland Islands
6th August 1870.

Sir,

I have had the honour to receive your letter of 6th April covering my appointment as Consul for the Republic of Chile in these Islands, as also the Exequatur of Her Majesty Queen Victoria. I have also received the book of Consular Regulations to which you refer.

In accordance with art. 21 of those Regulations I have taken the required oath a copy of which I am forwarding to His Excellency the Minister for Foreign Affairs in Santiago

Assuring you that it will ever be my desire to carry out faithfully the duties of my appointment,

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient
humble servant
Edd. Elcoto.

To Don
Alberto Blest Gana.
&c. &c. &c.
Paris.

Consulate of Chile
Stanley. Falklands Islds.
6th August. 1870.

Sir.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of the letters patent conferring upon me the appointment of Consul for Chile in the Falkland Islands. and I have further to advise receipt of Her Britannic Majesty's Exequatur, both documents having been forwarded from the Legation in Paris.

2. In accordance with article 21 of the Consular Regulations, I have the honour to forward to your Excellency a copy of my oath, taken in the presence of His Excellency the Governor of these Islands.

3. I beg leave to return my thanks for the honour which has been conferred upon me, and can assure Your Excellency that no exertions shall be wanted on my part, when an opportunity occurs

His Excellency
The Minister of Foreign Affairs.
&c. &c. Santiago.

occurs, to confirm the confidence which has been placed in me by the Chilian Government.

I have the honour to be,
Sirs,
Your Excellency's most obedient
humble servant,
Ed. E. Cobb.

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37. The Fairy has brought a very valuable cargo from the Balearry, and the Cheque is expected in daily. Captain Lewis of the Southern Cross has been sent down to take charge of her, and had he been there the last spring tides she would have been got off, as she actually floated. It is presumed that instructions will arrive by next mail; nothing of importance was said by the Commodore, and Lloyds did not write about it. If she can land all her cargo as saved and brought in to Manly, it will make the fortunes of the owners of the schooner engaged in it. I am only sorry that the Isabella was not in at the time to take part in it. I should think the master of the Balearry would have some trouble in saving his certificate.

I remain Sir
Your obedient servant
Edward Cook.
Colonial Treasurer.

Enclosures.

Rep. n. 86.
Shipping List
Sam. Sully Stores cash vouchers
Stanley Wages Return to 30 June
Farm " " "
Copies Cash Bk 1 Jy June
Balances on 1 Sy
Advances Butchery Store &c.
Letter of advice to Waldron and
Mess. le Blanc & Co.
Extracts from Col. Regulations
Dept of Perseverance Sail
Building & Plant & Utensils &c.
Letter to Govr. July 22. 29.
Bertrand. July 9. 19. 20. 22. 25. 27. 29
from Govr. 3d Aug.
Byng. July 21. 22.
2nd En. No. 227. £ 82. 13. 6
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Inventory of goods in Darwin Store
Money due to Govt. new
Letter from Bertrand July 2. 15. 21. 25. 29 &
Aug 3.
Spirit duties Ordinance
Petition against it
The Governor reply
Correspondence with Govr. about
lighthouse
Certificate of Emigrants arrival

88.

Hunsingo. 11th Aug. 0.

Sir,

I forwarded by the steamer on the 6th inst. duplicate of my despatch by the Foam.

2. Taking Mr. Bertrand at his word, (though I believe he does not wish to leave) I have determined to go straight to Darwin Harbour, and take charge myself for a time, leaving Mr. Travis to conduct matters here, under instructions which I shall send him from time to time. I believe that Mr. Bertrand acted to be relieved, simply because he thought I had no one to send out; in taking the bull by the horns therefore, I believe I am doing the right thing.

3. Referring to my quarrel with Mr. Bull, I have the pleasure to inform you that

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Secretary,
London.

he has discovered him-
self to be in the wrong,
and the other day, when
I was at the Magistrate's
Court giving evidence in
the case between Smyth
and Lyne's estates, he took
the opportunity of making me
an abject apology, and said
that he had for some time
wished for an opportunity of
~~meeting~~ expressing his regret.
He afterwards put it in writ-
ting, and sent him a note
closing the affair, and we
are again on speaking terms.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant
Wm. Elliott.
Colonial Manager.

Enclosure.
Barr & Wood
Cooma, Sussex } 9 August

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Marseilles 18th August 0

Sir.

I beg to enclose the account of Mr Walkers despatches for the Levant also a new Indent for stores for said Vessel which I trust will arrive in time. I would respectfully draw your notice to sending a large assortment of your warm dresses, the enclosed few usually sent are bought at a sacrifice a sale. The stock taken I am sending for alone would exceed the order for postage.

I am Sir

Your Obedt Servant

Jas Jones

for Mr Walkers Deputy

T. Oldman Esq

Secretary

Walkers Levant Company

London

Per Margarita to Montevideo.

No. 90

Darwin Harbour.
3rd Sept. 0.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your despatches 407-8, which arrived 23rd ult. per Brig Margarita, chartered in Montevideo by Capt. Scales, agent of Lloyd's Salvage Association. Received them on my arrival in Stanley on the 26th ult., and, as I left again on the morning of the 30th, brought them with me, not having had time to answer them while in town.

2. Desp. 407-2. By a blunder in Lisbon the Telegram for the Cordillera was packed to me via London, or should have reached per Irene on the 31st July.

I have

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Secretary
London.

I have written about this mistake to Mr. Harper and Lloyd's Agent at Lisbon.

3. Jan. 3. I have minutely explained to Capt. Scales the circumstances under which the Balearic fell into Dean's hands, and he told me he did not see what I could have done, as things stood. Directly the mate landed he was brought to my office, and I was questioning him with a view to taking steps for the protection of all concerned, when Capt. Stanicer of the Lonsdale came in with a letter from Dean for Mr. Woodend. On reading it he said "If that is the case, I must go at once", and in answer to my enquiry as to his meaning, he said "I see this Mr. Dean is agent for the Western Clubs, and he writes me the Balearic is insured there". "Is that so?" I asked, and he said he believed she was, leaving the

office immediately with Shaneen. The next thing I heard was that the mate had placed the matter unreservedly in Dean's hands, and that tenders were invited for wrecking the vessel. Three were sent in, all for 75%, the salvage paid on the Rospigadera on Patagonia being considered a precedent. The mate never consulted me after giving charge to Dean. I explained ~~this~~ ~~matter~~ the affair to Captain Sealey, asked him to what extent the mate in the Captain's absence was the representative of all concerned, and read him an extract from Lloyd's instructions which carefully points out that the Agent is not to consider himself entitled to act upon any particular policy, unless specially

instructed:— and he gave me his opinion as already mentioned. I should be glad to know what proceedings I am really authorized to take in a case of this kind, for Lloyd's instructions, which leave so much to the imagination are rather less than no guide at all.
Captain Scales has determined to visit the wreck himself, and has made an arrangement with Mr. Dear to pay him salvage at the rate of 1/3 of English saved value, damage to be reported to my arbitration.

4. Nov. 4. As already notified, I had anticipated your desire to take charge here myself, and Mr. Bertrand had been relieved about a fortnight before your despatch arrived.

5. Desp. 408 – 2. I have ordered the charts to be sent here by the Oaters, and shall make notes on them as fully as possible.

6. Par. 5. The statement of Bertrand's affairs will have reached long ere this. The new land proclamation is favourable to him. He has asked me to pay him half a year's salary to meet his rent, also overdue; but I have declined any further advances unless covered by produce, and carried the balance of his salary account to the credit of his general estate.

7. Par. 6. All Captain Packet's freight has been settled here, the smaller lot (△) bales were put on board at the last moment @ 1½ᵈ per lb., and freight was originally intended to be paid at home, but was arranged here, and on comparing shipping and landing weights I see that we are the gainers by a few pounds.

8. Par. 7. All that I can do to keep up the management of Stanley and the Camp at the same time shall be done. At present I find things working comfortably, but I have no great confidence in Mr. Travis's tact in carrying on smoothly in Stanley, and he is so afraid of responsibility that I fear he may be sending for me too often. Referring to what I have already written about a new clerk, I now think it advisable that you should despatch Mr. Langdon to relieve Mr. Travis at the end of January, or at any rate some properly qualified Clerk: I had thoughts of promoting Ernest, but he has been drunk again, and I am afraid will never be thoroughly trustworthy.

9. Par. 8. The Irene is expected with another supply of goods via

Montevideo. I do not think that Goes & Co can last long; an attempt by Mr Bull to evade a debt due Smyth's Estate has been defeated in Court, and an action by Smyth's Exors. for over £2000 is now pending. You are doing well not to send the Wool ships too early, though we are hard pressed for stores, having run out of many of the necessaries of life. We have been out of coal for months, and are sadly deficient in groceries, candles, liquors, &c. I told the Storekeeper to make up an additional 100 indent, with Mr Travis's assistance, and to send me a copy, as I had no time to attend to it when in Stanley, being busy almost from daylight to dark.

10. Par. 10. It is most gratifying to learn that my administration continues to give satisfaction.

11. Par. 11. The amount paid by Mr. Waldron was for disbursements &c. made up with interest to date, and sent to him in Montevideo, with a request that he would remit a bill for it. Instead of that he sent the account to his brother to be paid in cash, and as I presume the delay did not exceed the ordinary 30 d/s. at which he usually draws, it will hardly be necessary to charge any further interest.

12. P.S. No 40 8. Live Stock Return was forwarded late this year. Stock of wool bales is 500, from which you should deduct 1/3° wasted in cutting up to fit the press.

13. I had got thus far, when I received the enclosed letters by which I learn that no mail goes for Margarita. The irregularity of the mail service is most annoying. Travis's letter is a singular confirmation of what I said in par. 8. If I am to dance in and out of Stanley for the slightest thing, because my clerk utterly shirks all responsibility, I must almost despair of doing any good. I send you a copy of a letter I am sending in to Captain Sceales, also one to Mr. Travis. I should like you to enquire about the Salvage Accounts report on the Falklands.

14. List of subscriptions for Camp Cleggmann is enclosed.

I am, Sir.
Your obedient servant
Jas. Elwood.
Colonial Manager

Enclosures.

92.
Calabar. 27th Sept. 0.

Sir.

This vessel leaves I think tomorrow, and I send by her the 2nd. of Exchange of Capt. Smith on Messrs Tredale, for £119. 10. 10

2. I send no news by this chance as I see no probability of anticipating the mail.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant
Jean E. Cook
Colonial Chaplain

Enclosure.

Dup. — No. 91.
2nd Ex. — £
Calabar Sept.

Notes on communications of 22 & 23 July from Deanford Chamber of Commerce and Messrs. G. M. & E. Cowen & Co. on wool.

Tub washing may be very well for a few sheep in a paddock, but no sane man can suppose that we can separately "tub" between 30,000 & 40000 sheep. If I have time I may try the effect of putting a few hundred sheep through the dip with warm water and soft soap.

I would not try any Leicester rams yet. I am afraid the breed may prove too soft for the climate. The percentage of increase is the test of hardiness and no sheep have increased like the Cheviots; although I believe that Southdowns and Leicesters full grown may stand well enough. I am doubtful about the lambs.

It is possible to get our wool home at the latter end of the May sales, but not earlier with our present appliances.

The wool containing sand and beach earth comes from the sheep at Seal Creek and other places in Choiseul Sound. The sheep get on to the beaches for protection

against certain winds, and cannot be kept out.

Better keep at certain periods is simply impossible. It is difficult enough to keep sheep accustomed to one pasture ground, without shifting them, and artificial food is out of the question. To kill off ewes after they have bred twice is a sacrifice we could not afford as yet, unless we can learn some way of preserving meat and boiling down the fat, which would pay.

The shirts placed in the bales must have got there through gross negligence, against a recurrence of which I must take steps.

Lea. E. Cobb.
Colonial Manager.

Stanley,
30th Sept. 1870.

## Notes on the Camp.

### Cattle.

The Company's cattle are now in a condition unequalled by any in the Islands. Great ~~o~~ increase to the tame herds, which are fortunately again under command. There is no fear of our running short of beef again as in the year 1866, and a large surplus stock will be ready next year for boiling down, salting or preserving in any way that may yield most profit.

The pasture land on which the herds or "rodeos" are, extends inside Laporis from about three miles from Darwin Harbour, ~~out~~, roughly speaking, the land marked in the chart as enclosed by Bodie Creek, the Orquita stream and the middle stream from Kelp Harbour (Admiralty chart of 1807). The men going round the boundaries every day turn back the cattle which are moving beyond them, and the latter become accustomed in time to their legitimate grounds, running back to them when the herdsman comes round.

In the district I have mentioned

there are three separate rodeos.
I suppose that the Directors
have been made acquainted years
ago with the manner in which
our cattle are herded, but I
will briefly describe the sys-
tem. A "rodeo ground"
is the place where the cattle
are periodically collected, and
our three grounds are at
Piscero, a stream not far
from Darwin on the Benton
Loch side, at Hope Place,
and at Doo Thomas, on a
point forming the northern
boundary of Kelp Harbour.
The cattle by constant herding
and by being brought very
frequently to the rodeo when
first handled, know perfectly
well, when they see 2 or 3 two
or three men coming towards
them and hear them shouting,
that they have to go to the
rodeo-ground, so that it is
only necessary in getting a
rodeo together now to go over
the ground and round the
points or "rincons" driving
at the animals with a
howl something like that
of a London milkman, and
they run direct for the
ground. Indeed, so well

trained are our cattle, that if a number belonging to different rodeos are feeding together, it is suppicient to shout to drive them in different directions according to the grounds they belong to. Once a year the cattle are collected and put into a large park at Tranquilion where they are counted and the necessary number of bulls cas. trated.

There is a fine increase among the cattle this spring, and the numbers inside Lagoon must be close on 4,000. I intend to allow the same area to spread out as far as Hope Cottage and Margarita, and the ground will hold from 6000 to 7,000. To allow any more would be overstocking the land and impoverishing the fine animals. The number just mentioned would fully provide beef for Stanley and Darwin Harbours, with a liberal margin as well. I reckon that out of the number we should be able to kill 1000 to 1500 annually. It must be therefore decided at once whatever are to do with our surplus animals. The meat may be salted perhaps or the carcases boiled down for

tallow, but this latter is a poor way of utilizing good beef. Among all the systems now in operation surely one could be found to suit us. This subject deserves a great dealof consideration. I am confident that more may be made of our cattle than has been hitherto, and it is necessary to know what can be done, in order to decide upon our future movements. I wish the Directors to remember that if it will pay, we can increase our fame rodeos to 10,000 or 20,000; but that if we can only use the hides it is of no use keeping more than about 5,000, or the number that will keep Stanley and Darwin going in beef. Two years hence we could kill at least 1000 head indeed shall have to do it to leave grass for the rest.

The chief herdsman in charge of the rodeos is Davis Smith, in whom I have great confidence; he lives at Granadilla, where also are his young brother John Smith,

a boy named Doolan, John Biggs and Escalante, all of whom are engaged in looking after the cattle in the rodeos. At Das Lomas James Watson lives, and turns the cattle which approach the southern boundary. The foregoing are termed herdsmen, to distinguish them from the Gauchos, whose work is with the wild cattle principally. During the summer the Gauchos go out into Lapamia in tents and kill for their hides old bulls and cows. These hides form the bulk of what I send annually. Too few have been killed the last two years, and I am sending the men out earlier, viz:- in October, and shall keep them at it longer if the horses will stand it.

At the times when the Gauchos are not killing wild animals they are posted at Tranquilidad or Das Lomas to assist the herdsmen, or set to do any work that may be necessary. Of these men Christopher Smith brother of David is chief or "capataz", and of the two men it is difficult to say which is the best servant.

At present the beef for consumption is killed from the wild cattle, and brought in on horse back. Of course the beef gets tolerably dirty and runs to waste. When we can kill tame cattle for consumption a slaughter house must be put up at Darwin Harbour, and the cattle driven in to be killed. I should be glad to receive accounts of a boiling down establishment, or of a meat preserving establishment, which could be started on a small scale. I could very soon find a suitable place for it, close to Darwin Harbour.

I have not mentioned the cattle at Port Louis. They number about 600, and from them we draw cows for the dairy. As they increase, we have to draw some off periodically and take them inside Hayonia. They are under the charge of George Smith, brother of the other two. He is assisted by James Watson Junr. son of the old man at Doctor Bonas.

Geo. E. Goo.
Colonial Manager.

1st. October. 1870.

93.
Foreign.

Brussels. 0.

Sir

I have to reply to your despatch no. 409 which arrived from home on the 22nd ult. & I shall take up the Steam opportunity to relieve Mr. Marshall here and Mr. Stowell the U.S. Commercial Agent receive his dismissal, - Mr. Sloan being appointed their Agent.

2. 109. 1. Mr Stevens did not embark his steamer up the Rhine at Clarendon Point.

3. Sir 2. The quinteth. gibbs used in the Lambing returns is "sacred", not sheep reared from the Common flock and not contracted, being reserved for breeding purposes. The 166 are "rigs", or those which, owing to a physical difficulty cannot be properly castrated.

4. Sir 3. Col. D Arcy means will find the present state of postal communications is more than ever.

I am &c

The Colonial Sec.
Chancery
London.

thing ever. The Town has twice been detained in Bourdeaux because a chance vessel has happened to bring the mail down, and so our mails from here are most irregular. Besides that, the governor is such a brute. Married man that he is he pursued upon by his officers whose duties call them into the town, and believing their accounts of the danger and hardships, calls upon them to send them by water. She nearly chartered the Zolus for Mr. Bull some months ago, but for adverse winds. He allowed Dr. Dutton to wait nearly a week for a patient until he could get a passage up in the Zolus, and now the town, ~~instead~~ upon ~~running~~ the ~~mail~~ is carrying Mr. & Mrs. Bailey on a surveying excursion instead of going to meet the English steamer. It is hoped that she may be back in time to catch the Pacific Steamer, but that is doubtful

5. Par. 6. The Missionary Society brought me 650 pounds and rails and Screws for me to in arranging the payment (a part) entirely in shares. The annual subscription of £10 which Sir Stamford has caused the Society to deal with the Company to the extent of some hundred dollars annum.

6. Par. 7. relating to my despatch No. 30. I thought that a reference to the records served in by Gunner and Knight would enable you to make enquiries of the owners of those vessels. The Journal has gone away but I should like to hear about forgot.

7. Par. 8. Sabin Goods sent home by the Town in Angust.

8. Par. 9. The Canada Bill has passed with one or two small alterations. It is not yet printed for the public.

9. Par. 10. In remarking on the weight of the mail I think you have forgotten the pound or two of tea and oil which like fleece in past years. Par. 11. gives me great concern, and

I cannot understand how the false packing can have happened. With regard to the classification of the wool, I am not clear as to how it is to be managed. One flock is brought in at a time, and as each flock contains sheep of different ages and wools of course of different lengths. I think it would require a person well up in the London wool business to classify the combings satisfactorily.

In sheep sheds in Yorkshire running down the centre of the shed, and the shearers work on the floor on each side. Each man when he has finished a sheep leaves the fleece on the floor, and lets the sheep out into a paddock through one of the side doors, and goes on with another. Two or three are engaged in picking up the fleeces as fast as they are taken off, and they throw them (if the wool is tall, formed of layers about 1 inch apart) when another man receives them, shakes them out on the table and rolls them up; they are then ready for

ready for the packers who proceed on & mark the bales. I intend to keep the hogget wool separate as desired, and shall keep the broken from the whole fleeces. I have made a few notes on the remarks of the brokers and Bradford Chamber which I enclose.

10. Sat. 12. The seal skins were no doubt stolen by the crew who would be unable to tell the difference between hair and fur. I send out the Bill of lading myself, with Mr. Terry and Stephens's tallies before me, & Capt. Macey was too careful a man to sign for goods that were not on board.

11. Sat. 12. The U. S. Gunboat schooner Sampson, Capt. Stockton, remains here for further news, it being reported that nine French war vessels are carrying off Valparaiso. She is bound there from Liverpool, and put in to repair sails. Sat. 19. Respecting the Mary's account and the statement of Thomas I enclose a memorandum.

P.S. The Directors will
doubtless be annoyed at the
scanty advices from this
side lately. Drays in
here about 2 weeks or a month
ago for four days and wrote
you a note to go by the
Margarita. She was to have
taken a bag but she has
been repaired and only took
a few private letters, so the
packet I had made up only
goes this time, having re-
mained in the P.O. The
despatch from Darwin was
on letter paper. Standard
foolscap, but the Storekeeper
made a mistake.

P.S. Since Stockchange
at Darwin Shaw have let
every station, and seen a
great deal of the Camp. At
Darwin Shaw having pre-
parations made for the
shearing, and am putting
up two new houses, which
the increased number of
married people make ne-
cessary. To give an ac-
count of all Camp matters
within the limits of a
packet would render it of
such an inordinate length,

that I propose giving details in the form of another memo. and a third Sean make out and hence may fully clear in a despatch.

111. While away at Darwin a number of vessels came in, of which the Company has part a free share. The Queen of Nations from Callao with guano, coal & sails and a few repairs, and came to the Company, but left in a day or two. The Macedale for San Francisco wanting spars did precisely the same. The Retracana with coals went to Doan. She has been much injured and will be three months to repair. The Carlotta came to the Company for provisions. The Lampyre wanting sails did the same. The Madawaska from Newport with railroad iron has had a new companion made by our carpenters. The Shetland with guano is to be paid off, and Derbyshire to Montevideo consulted, as they held a Captaincy of £1500 on her, and the last survey held condemned her. I got Capt. Scarlett to survey her

and he recommended us to be cautious and proceed. The men complained to Government and he appointed another Survey, which declared he to[o] thin and unfit to go to sea! Capt. Bourchier then called another, and they condemned her as unsafe & cost over her value in repairs. What will be done eventually I do not know.

16th. The Sobraon has landed salt pro the gaol. Chas Rowcroft Surgeon, and is going to sit out for Geelong immediately.

18th. I have received a letter from Mr. C. H. Williams relative to Speedwell Island. He says we are under no inducement to take it up as Government thereon, with 2000 sheep - I could not allow more than 1000, and it will be over stocked. I am glad he has gone home, as you will doubtless make arrangements with him respecting it. I leave, and you may have an opportunity of finding out something about his means.

## The Mary.

Capt. Giles wishes to have the whole of his materials and repairs in one account. and received £15 for the fore top gallant yard, which he was to settle for with his owners. I am very sorry to find that Mr. Travis, who made up the accounts on 9th February, did not take a receipt, or has lost it. I went to Darwin on the 6th Feby., and was not aware of the contents of his store account. The sum of £7. 19/. was 5% commission on the ship's store account; one of the Directors may remember telling me that Islands find it necessary in dealing with Captains to use "palm-oil,"— it is perfectly true; they are about as great a set of thieves as any body of men I know. Nearly all ask for this 5%, and I generally grant it, though I am chary about giving them any further inducements. In the Mary case however. I find that a considerable quantity of figures did go on board, and on enquiring of Mr. Linet find that he charged it as rope or canvas. I have spoken to him about it.

and tells him to promise no commission, or make any accounts out except in a straightforward way. He tells me then that all the masters in this harbour had spoken about accounts when he boarded them, one saying he must have 5% on his accounts, "the usual thing all over the world"; another "I suppose we can make our accounts up together, &c. &c. The master of the Calabar asked for 5%, and to have the liquor he bought put into the provisions; both were refused, and he is sulky accordingly. How Mr Travis made out the account for the water I do not know; that seems carelessness, and should be £4. 1. 3. The Berbice account I can safely say is correct. Short is a very careful man. Henery, the mate of the Mary was a most objectionable blackguard, the steward was a negro. Captain Giles was almost always drunk, and quite in the mate's hands I thought. I know Capt. Giles had money when he arrived, as I remember seeing an American

$20 piece among other coins in his possession. It is rather a ticklish thing to advise Captains whether to protest or not. I let them take their own courses as a rule. I send herewith a copy of the survey. Captain Giles sold a dinghy to William Biggs for £4. I know nothing of the ripple.

Yours truly
Edward Cook.
Inspector.
Sept. 1870.

## Sheep in Lapouia.

At Hope Cottage near Kelp Harbour there is a flock of Ewes which are herded by James Campbell (Ex La Plata) and George Menzies. They number at present over 3000, and feed in the vicinity in Egg Harbour and inland towards Mariquita. These sheep have been at Hope Cottage for some years, and, being more or less scabby, will have to be shifted after shearing and the ground given up to the cattle. Menzies and Campbell are two respectable young men, and the latter has had some Experience among sheep at home. Beef is killed for this station by David Smith from among the wild cattle.

At Bodie Creek is a flock of 1100 ewes taken from Cantera for the rams imported by the Victoria Tatham and Weir in 1869. They feed towards Arrow Harbour, and are prevented from straying back by Bodie Creek itself, which forms a very convenient natural boundary. These ewes are under the care of James Campbell (ex Francis Drake) and Donald McDonald, two of the best

shepherds in the employ. Under Mr. Donald's charge also are the rams, which are kept in the Pinecone Tajidu, the long point which bounds Victoria Harbour on the South and which is fenced by a sod wall running across the neck at the head of the harbour. This pinecone forms a convenient paddock for keeping the rams during the few months, before they are put to the ewes, but hardly contains enough grass all the year round. The rams and ewes last mentioned are free from scab, and it will not be necessary to move the latter from the ground to which they have now become accustomed.

The sheep I have mentioned are all that are in Saponia at present; but I am making arrangements for stocking the land right away to Seal Cove, and shall try to run a fence from South West Arm in the Bay of Harbours across the neck between that arm and the inlet just opposite to it in Eagle passage. This will inclose a large tract

of Land and shall put upon it a number of the old ewes, which will be then prevented from escaping. The older sheep get, the more determined they are to stick to the land they have been accustomed to feed on, so that when they are moved to fresh pastures they tease and worry themselves to escape and have to be dogged to such an extent that they lose their condition altogether. For this reason the suggestion about better pasture at certain seasons is quite impracticable.

The younger sheep which are not so obstinate will be placed on the land towards Seal Cove, where Sheep that can[illegible] shepherds will be sufficient to keep them on their ground.

Sheep outside Laporina.

At Cantera is a very large flock of ewes bred from the original Cheviots, and extending over the whole of section 7 and part of 8, ~~and~~ shepherded from Cantera house itself and from another house nearer to Camilla Creek. At Cantera is Norman McKinnon, who is assisted by M. Aitken. The former is a good and experienced shepherd, but the latter is not properly qualified, in fact was a stonemason's assistant, and will take some little time to learn his duties. (Considering that he and Pope ~~and~~ are neither what they were represented to be, I think Mr. Grierson should not be again asked to pick men.)

David Paterson lives at the second house I mentioned, and keeps one of the ~~hounds~~ mares. His knowledge of sheep is very good, and he is well up to his work, having now been in the employ five years.

At Teal Creek a flock of ewes is looked after by George Clark ~~on~~ Nicholson Station,

who was a very good selection.
At Norton Inlet, Duncan has another flock of ewes. This man has mended considerably during the last few years, having given up drinking to a great extent. He is, however, not a particularly clever shepherd, and can only be classed as second rate. At Co-chilla Alta (Sec. 25) William Halliday and James Bell look after ewes, which run over the ground comprised in the upper halves of the sections extending towards Quatsa on one side and Black Rock on the other. These are two trustworthy young men, the latter the eldest son of the overseer. At Bluff Creek are John McKinnon and James Currie looking after one end of a flock of ewes, while George Thomson at Mac Kinnon Creek keeps the eastern boundary. Of these men I think Currie will prove to be the most useful shepherd. John McKinnon is of no great value, while Thomson is one of the sort we have weeded out so liberally, always grumbling, and very often impudent and lazy. He must be parted with, if he continues to give trouble. A small flock of ewes under John McQueen at

Swan Inlet completes the stock of ewes. Among these ewes are still running a number of last years' lambs, which Mr Bertrand has not time to get out before the winter. These will have to be taken out, and placed in separate flocks, or the country will be overstocked.

At Black Rock, Johnson and Mc Kay have charge of a large number of old wethers fit for the Butchery. Johnson who is a black man, has been some eighteen years in the Company's service, and has a fair notion of a shepherds' duties. Mc Kay came out by the Matilda in 1839, and being rather lazy and troublesome was discharged about a year afterwards. After being in different employs I gave him another trial, and he has become quite steady and useful. Another flock of old wethers is at Mount Pleasant under J. Burgess and Thos Goodwin, both very good shepherds. Rous this place and Black Rock are drawn all the wethers for Stanley.

Between Black Rock and Mount Pleasant on Section 29 is a small flock of about 500 wether haggets, which are under the charge of George Rae, who lives with Mr Govern at Swan Inlet. This land I have the use of by arrangement with Captain Parke, to whom I have given permission to use the land ~~west~~ east of a line drawn from the east end of Pleasant Lagoon to the head of Islands Harbour. This arrangement is of benefit to both. Rae is, I suppose, without an equal as far as being a good judge of sheep goes, and is most useful as a shepherd. Unfortunately he is a drunkard, and seems utterly unable to resist liquor when he gets a chance of tasting it, which is not often. On the new section (40) Phillips looks after 600 wether haggets, and George Patterson 500 more at Fitzroy. The grass on these two sections is very abundant, and the sheep are doing very fairly. Patterson is a steady man, and Phillips most useful, as he seems able to turn his hand to anything.

When I mentioned a flock of ewes at Laguna Sola I omitted to say that Andrew and James Bell (see

that I omitted to include these among the rest) I have enumerated all the different flocks in the establishment as yet.

The Bells are useful men, and I may, in fact, say of all the shepherds that they are superior as to what they need to be, showing more attention to their work, and giving far less trouble.

Taking the sheep throughout, I look forward to a heavier clip than last year; for although the young ones have lost a good deal from scab, the older ones will show more whole fleece than they have done before. We have had a very mild winter and deaths have been few.

I cannot speak as favourably of the lambing, as we are having very severe weather just now in the very thick of it, and the lambs are being cut down by the dozen. I fear a worse per centage than we have had for some time. Snow, hail, and gale of wind have occurred most alarmingly for the last four nights.

Jas. E. Cloo.
Colonial Manager

Stanley,
14th October, 1870.

No 93
(continued)

17th Oct. 0.

17. Snow continue the despatch commenced on the 3rd inst. Shave been to Damin Harbour, and arranged matters there for a few weeks more, so as to give myself a little time in Stanley. You may expect a large number of Whidbey next ship, as Shave already sent the Gauchos into the Camp, their time for leaving during late years having been December.

18. Earnestly hoping that this may be in time to catch the vessel, I send a list of alterations and additions to the Instrt. duplicate of which is also forwarded. Am concerned to think that there has been no reliable chance of forwarding this since the Hunneings sailed. Mail arrangements are certainly bad. At present I believe the Steam is intended to leave 48 hours after the return of the Foam, but so many changes take place that I can write nothing for certain.

19. The barque Ricardo Bray is here, consigned to the Comp. She is a great ruin, and I think must be condemned. She is to discharge into the Margaret, and I have informed Captain Gallenan that I can provide for the disbursements necessary to fit her for further journey, but can not probably find means for repairs on the credit of the owners. I think you would do well to hunt up the owners of this vessel and the Shalimar, and secure any further business they may have to do here, making money matters all right, and sending me full instructions.

20. I have been very hard up for money lately. All money is absolutely locked up in the salvage of the Balcarry, for you may imagine that when £5000 at least is let loose in the Colony, people will pay their accounts who cannot do so now. Had it not been for

a small sum received on Capt. Lecales account for an auction at Balearry. Should have been unable to make payments for a time.

21. I have agreed to advance the sum of £175 on 200 hides from Bertrandi place, and the sum being required to make a payment to Government, I have arranged to draw on the Directors for the amount @ 60 d/s. hoping that I may be able to cover it in time. Mr. Baldrow is daily expected, and he promised to pay me in cash about £400, which he intends to bring down with the hides he has gone up to purchase. Hides are going up so, that I imagine the Directors will be glad to get as many purchased as possible. The Governor has also got a 6 m/d. bill from me as per enclosed note. It is rather singular, but I suppose I am right in obliging him.

22. There is another vessel just coming in. I shall write another line to say what she is.

23. Captain Scale has insured the goods in Government store for £1000 for 3 months and has paid the amount of £17.5/. to me for the North British & Mr. Wallis has also paid his annual amount £28.3. and Mr. Griffiths for Lewis's house £5.2/. three amounting to £53.16.3. I keep the Revenue Cr to you for an annual.

I am, Sir.
Your obedient Servant
Lieut. E. Cobb.
Colonial Manager.

Returns.

1st Cr 229.230. for £119.10.10 & £61.17.4
Madawaska accounts.
Cash receipts Aug. & Sept.
Cash Bk. & Jl. July & Aug.
Wages Returns to 30 Sept.
Returns to Remarks on ap.
Produce & Goal Returns
Letter on Communications from Brady &c.
" Sheep. Dr on cattle.
Mary
Letter from Gov. 16 Oct.
" " Revenue & Aug.
2 letters from Coleman
Copy of Gov: despatch on Naval Store
" Cobb to Gov. 29 Aug.
" despatch 90.88.92.90.
Duplicate Inventory & desp. 90.
2 shipping lists.
Additions to Inventory
Copy letter from Williams to pay Letter to him.

To recruit in the Paraguay belonging to Lemay Sewell & Co., who has last year come to Co. for a pass provisions.

Consulate of the
North German Confederation
Port Stanley, 7th Oct. 1870.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 16th July, which has my carpul attention.

The North German schooner Tampyr, Capt. Stölke, arrived here 21st September, and remains for further news, upon a report that a number of French war vessels are cruizing off the West Coast of South America. The Tampyr left London for Guayaquil before the commencement of the war and put back from Cape Horn through Case of sails.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient
humble servant,
Alex. E. Coos.
Consul in Port Stanley.

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The Consul General of
The North German Confederation.
&c. &c. &c.
London.

N° 5.

Consulate of Belgium
Port Stanley, Falkland Isds
17th Oct. 1870

Sir.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Excellency's letter (B. N° 553. N° d'ordre 41) conveying the permission granted to me to accept the Consulates of Italy, Chile, and the North German Confederation, for which I respectfully beg to return my thanks.

2. Enclosed are the particulars of a passport granted to M. Michel De Myttenaere, a Belgian subject, lately serving on board the British Barque Sea Witch, from Antwerp, and discharged in this port.

I have the honour to be,
Sir.
Your Excellency's most obedient
humble servant
Edwd Cox.
Consul for Belgium
in Port Stanley.

A. S. Excellence
Le Ministre
des Affaires Etrangères.
à
Bruxelles.

95.

Paraguay. 19th Oct. 0.

Sir.

They to enclose a few duplicates as at foot and the Paraguay account with draft on Lemay Smith & Co for £35.7/.

2. I forgot to say in my despatch per Foam that you can store 5,000 or 10,000 tallow staves among the cargo, as they are most useful in close fencing, i.e. cuch pens, where wire is of no service.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant

Edwd Cowo.
Colonial Manager.

Calcarenio.

Dup. no. 93.

Note on wool, Cattle, Sheep & Ship Mary
pd Co. £35.7/. on Lemay Smith & C

P. S. Eng.- I have been all day surveying Calcarenio cargo. If possible I leave again for Darwin at three on Friday 21st.

96.
Queen of Nations 1st Nov 0.

Sir,

I last wrote per Paraguay on 19th ult, and have since been to Darwin Harbour for a week, returning the day before yesterday.

2. The South German ship Mathilde from Baker's Island has arrived, and we have the business, which will consist of some heavy repairs. The Epsilon is here from the West Coast with loss of mizen mast, Capt. Williams is doing his own repairs, but is consigned to the Company for what he wants. The U.S. Ship Look out from New York is in, Ballast; she is consigned to Dean. The Pilot of Bray is discharging into the Margaret at £1 per day, and the Mathilde will put about 200 tons guano into the William Hand at £2 per day.

J. Coleman, Esq.
Secretary,
London.

3. We have had a very severe spring, and I am afraid that the lambing will not be as good as usual. The ganchas have already got about 100 hides ready and are working very well.

4. I enclose two copies of the Amalgamation Ordinance, one for Mr. Williams, to whom you can forward the enclosed letter. Under the ordinance I have obtained the Government reserve west of Swan Inlet which is an important piece of country, although small. I have also obtained the promise of a lease of Navy point.

5. A sad accident occurred at Darwin Harbour on Wednesday last, when Thomas Tickel in charge of the Lily was drowned through the upsetting of the cutter's dinghy. The Arene was sent up for the body, and an inquest held yesterday when a verdict of "accidentally drowned"

was returned. The deceased was a lad about 20, and had employed him for about two years. He was with Campbell in the Lily, and when I promoted the latter to the Forerunner thought well enough of Tickell to give him a rise as well, as he was a very smart young fellow.

6. I send you a note received from the Governor, in which he remarks what an advantage a steam tug would be. We have had a large no. of vessels in Lully, and nearly all have been detained for days in Port William in consequence of being unable to beat through the Narrows. Did Captain Stacey give you Harris's circular, which I put into his hands the last evening?

7. It has happened most unfortunately that of all the vessels that have come in for repairs, only one has arrived while I have been in Stanley. Directly I leave for Darwin they begin to appear, and I am sent for before I have time to turn round!

I send a letter from Mr. Train to myself after I had been out about four days: it is a fair sample of the kind I receive: nothing seems to go on smoothly in my absence, and you will understand my feeling like the master of a ship with inefficient officers and a drunken boatswain. I hope that the new clerk, whoever he may be, will be better able to carry on in my absence.

8. I am obliged to ask the Directors whether under the new arrangements for working the Camp, an increase can be made in my salary. Besides the additional expence of keeping two horses, I find it necessary now to spend several more hours daily at the office in order to enable me to get out at all, and the anxiety and bodily fatigue I go through in being so continually on the move is considerable. Although I am aware that it was always intended that

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I should be quite sure in the Camp than my predecessors. I may point out that Mr. Lano had a salary of £900 a year, and was only required to make one formal visit to the Camp every year, having a Camp Manager under him; while I receive £550 and am never at Darwin or Stanley more than ten days at a time, and while at the former place am continually going round the stations in all weathers, wet through at least once a week, and living in the commonest manner. I do not mean to say that I object to the style of life; but that it is worth more pay than I received when there was a Camp Manager.

The Queen of Stations is leaving so I remain, Sir,

Your obedient servant

Lea. E. Cobb.

Colonial Manager

Enclosures

Desp. no. 96.
2 copies of Ordinance
2 Letters from Govr.
1 Camp Magistrate
2nd Co. no. 230.

97.
Epsilon.

5th Nov 0.

Sir,

I beg to enclose duplicate of a despatch still lying on board the Queen at Fort William, that vessel having been detained by mutiny.

2. The repairing the Matilda will reach nearly £1000 sterling; she has begun to discharge.

3. I had ordered in a house for today, but am obliged to put off going into the Camp for a week as I am engaged on a survey of the Balearic's cargo, which is occupying much time just now.

I remain, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
[illegible]
Colonial Manager.

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Enclosures.
1st Ex. 234 L 18.19.3.
Epsilon's Sault.
Disp. n. 96.
Disp. for William.

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H.M.S. Reindeer 28th Nov. 0.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your despatches 110 - 11, which arrived per Doan on the 25th inst. This vessel came in on the same day, and leaves tomorrow for England. The Doan is to sail on the 3rd prox!

2. 110 - 2. The Irene arrived at Sandy Point a few days late for the steamer and the bag had to wait nearly a month. The change of Sandy Point for Montevideo as a mail port would not answer until we have a steamer.

3. Par. 3. I have not yet expended the £1000 as Mr. Bailey has been engaged, and there is no hurry about it. Shd I waited about the 1000 acres I should have got them @ 2/ instead of 9/-

J. Coleman. Esq.
Secretary
Standard

but in one

no one could have anti-
cipated this reduction at
the time.

4. Par. 5. In a week's
time I expect to have 1200
hides in Stanley; in an-
other month 1200 more.
but whether I shall put
them in the Margaret or
ashore will depend on the
movements of the Fleet or
Navy, for as long as her
cargo is there I must
warehouse all produce ashore.

5. Par. 6. Schuth &
Melian are remarkably
attentive, and have earned
a good name among people
who receive parcels through
them, as most agents in
M. V. allow goods to lie
in port for months without
attending to them. As a
rule we calculate the Ex-
change @ $4.60, which is as
near the average as possible.
A fanega of salt is a
measure weighing on the
average 275 to 280 lbs.
Selling of salt: I am again

badly in want of it. and could by this time have sold 100 tons instead of the 30 I received. I fear I shall not have enough to salt our own hides.

6. Par. 10. The Balcary will never float now, having started some of her plating.

7. Par. 11. The Fairy's share of salvage covers the Company's risk. or I should have requested you to renew the insurance.

8. Par. 13. With reference to my brothers - when I heard that they were willing to take timely Island, I wrote to my cousin about it, feeling, perhaps naturally, that in such a case an arrangement made quite at head quarters would be more satisfactory to all. I am obliged for the permission granted to me to make terms, and hope to see them started before winter although the vexations delay at home has caused the loss of a whole spring, and I fear the grass cannot be burnt fit for sheep this year.

9. Par. 13. When asked for freight as in the case of Capt. Woolridge you need never hesitate about sending out house coaler coarse salt, unless a large quantity has been recently sent. Hogshead. of Bass's Ale, Guinness's bottled stout. Jams & Fruits. 3/4 & 1 in. boarding, and scantling for house framing are among those things which will never turn out dead stock.

10. No. 11. par. 3. Mr. Dear tells me he has written to his father about the sheep, but received no news yet. This matter shall not be dropped.

11. Par. 4. Cameron's and Smith's boxes were never delivered, and the question is who is to pay for them? I should have claimed on the ship had Capt. Macey not been exonerated from ~~the~~ any demand. Smith's box was

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from Annie, a toolmaker in Glasgow I think. and Cameron's from his brother.

12. Par. 7. The Seawitch would not be too small for a hulk in ordinary cases, as she would hold over 500 tons weight, and for vessels except large grain ships requiring to put out more; the Shalimar is however larger, and may be more suitable. The Sea Witch is I believe fit to carry general cargoes yet, and might be a useful vessel for us.

12. Par. 8. With reference to H. Williams I refer you to a private letter Enclosed.

14. Par. 9. I hope Mr. Langdon will be fit to take temporary charge at times, as I am now spending a roving life, and the longest stay I have made in Stanley since Bertrand left has been 10 or 11 days. If Mr. Travis ceases his duties before Mr. Langdon's

arrival I shall suffer the greatest inconvenience. I hope that when you heard of Bertrand's departure you determined to send him by mail.

15. Par. 10. I shall endeavour to sell sheep, and should think Mr. Williams would buy some, but I do not care about selling any on credit.

16. Par. 11. Mr. Travis will be charged with the amt. of half salary credited to me.

17. List of Enclosures. No letter from yourself of 3 Sept. has been received, but two bear date 13th ins.

18. For my services in the Balcany affair Capt. Scales has made me a present of £50. The cargo is to be forwarded to Valpa. saico by the vessel Mr. Waldron is bringing down with horses from Buenos Ayres, there sold, and 1/3 net proceeds paid to Salvors who receive a cash advance of £2000. The share of the Fairy and Capt. Lawis's owner

share as Captain will cover our guarantee, and although the six months note fell due some time since, I arranged a renewal payable "on settlement of salvage on Balcarry" so that there has been no cash outlay.

19. The Captain of the Campyn, tired of waiting, determined to run the risk of capture and sailed for Guayaquil yesterday evening. £105. 8. 6, is the amount of her account, drawn for on H. Clarkson & Co whom Mr. Travis knows to be agents for the owners Engen Dichelmann of Stralsund. The repairs of the Mathilde are progressing; I mentioned £800 as the probable amount of her account; perhaps it may not exceed £600, and should be drawn in about a month's time.

20. The Captain of the Vicar of Bray has decided to wait for instructions from home - his repairs and expences would reach £1500 I think. Seymour Peacock & Co are interested in the ship Sunderland.

21. Having to write again so shortly per Foam I must conclude, remaining Sir,

Your obedient servant

Jca. C. Cloud.

Colonial Manager

Melbourne

Sampson Dacre.

2nd Ex. 23rd.

1st " 23rd £105. 6. 6.

2 Letters for Coleman

Darwin Harbour
10th Dec. 1870.

Sir,

With reference to the wreck of the North German Schooner Lampyr in Low Bay, East Falklands, of which Your Excellency is already aware, I have the honour to request that your Excellency will forward a requisition for immediate assistance to the Commander of H.M.S. Speedwell now in this harbour.

I have communicated with the Master of the Schooner and he has strongly urged me to lose no time in saving that portion of the cargo which can be recovered, pointing out that as the place is open to certain winds, great loss may result from delay. The cargo is an English one, and was bound for Gray & Co.

His Excellency
Colonel D'Arcy.
&c. &c. &c.

In the event of the
request being complied with
it may be well to confer
with the master of the
Tampyr as to the propriety
of landing the cargo on
the beach to be called for,
or of carrying it direct
to Stanley.

I may add that as
most of the Island schooners
are away sealing & this
time sufficient assistance
could not now be obtained
in Stanley.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your Excellency's most obedient
humble servant
(Signed) Lea & Coos.
Agent for Lloyd's &
Consul &c Port Stanley for
the Lords Commissioners.

Low Bay
East Falkland Island
12th December 1870

Sir,

On behalf of Captain Robert Stöcke of the North German Schooner Vampyr stranded in this harbour, I have to request that you will appoint three of your officers as surveyors to report on the present condition of the vessel and cargo, and to state whether in their opinion there is any likelihood of the former being saved and repaired.

Should they be unable to decide the latter, it will be necessary that they should give their opinion as to the propriety of removing the cargo.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant
Lead. Cove.
Agent for Lloyd's &
Consul in Port Stanley for the
North German Confederation.

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Capt. St. John Parry
H.M.S. Speedwell

Copy of report of survey.

H.M.S. Speedwell,
Low Bay. E. Falkland Is.
12th December. 1870.

Sir.

In obedience to your order we have surveyed the South German Schooner "Pampy", and have the honor to report that owing to the quantity of water now in the vessel we are unable to ascertain with certainty the amount of damage sustained by her; but we are of opinion that in consequence of the severe straining the ship has undergone, as well as a portion of her bottom having been stove (evident by the ebb and flow of tide in her) it would be impossible to render her sufficiently seaworthy for navigating her to Stanley Harbour, that being the nearest port at which the vessel could be repaired -

And we are of opinion that it is desirable to remove the cargo as soon as possible.

We have the honour to be.

Sir.

Your obedient servants.

(Signed) Frank E. Hudson.
Lieutenant

(Signed) Wm. Tooker.
Navigating Sub-Lieut.

(Signed) William Flower.
Carpenter's Mate.

Commander
H.M. Surveying
Sch.r Speedwell

## North German Schooner Tampyr.

## Copy of Salvage Agreement.

Having urgently requested the assistance of Her Britannic Majesty's Ship Speedwell to save the cargo &c. of the North German Schooner "Tampyr". Owned Eugen Dietzelmann of Stralsund freighted with a general cargo by Messrs. Anderson Anderson & C. / British Consul, London, and bound to Guayaquil, was stranded in Lees Bay - I hereby agree on the part of the said owners and the underwriters to pay to the Officers and Crew of Her Majesty's Ship Speedwell aforesaid salvage at the rate of One third part of the nett proceeds of the cargo &c. saved under the following arrangement, viz:- The cargo &c. saved from the wreck to be carried to Stanley F. I. and deposited where required by me or my agent, such cargo to be sold as may be ordered by a survey to be appointed by both parties to this agreement, such cargo as may in the opinion of the surveyors be more profitably realized by forwarding it to its destination or some other port to be dealt with. One third

part of the net proceeds to be finally remitted to the Salvors so soon as conveniently may be.

And I hereby bind the said owners and the undersigned to abide by this agreement.

I also hereby appoint Mr. Frederick Clode to act as my agent at Stanley, Falkland Island, with full powers to make such arrangements as he may consider requisite in the present matter.

Dated on board H.M. Ship Speedwell, at Low Bay, Falkland Islands, the twelfth of December, 1870.

(Signed) A. Noelke Master

I hereby agree to abide by the before written agreement.

(Signed) J.P. Jones Lieutenant Commander, H.M.S. Speedwell.

Witness to the above signatures (Signed) Daniel Hudson. Lieutenant

(Signed) Frederick Clode.

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Foam

3rd Dec. 0.

Sir,

Mr Cobb rode out to Darwin on the 1st inst to meet the Capitão of the gracioso, C. Smith, by appointment; before leaving he had advanced Hyps. Richards & £441. 6/. against the whale oil this vessel, he much regrets that he has been compelled to draw a bill @ 60 d/s on the Directors for this sum in favour of Mr Phillips in Montevideo, but the specie on hand cash in hand disposing no alternative.

2. Mr Waldron is hourly expected from Montevideo and will bring about £300 down with him to pay off his store accounts.

3. On the 29th ult Stars Speedwell arrived from Montevideo, she remains here for some few weeks, much the same as the Beacon last Dec.

4. You will be glad to learn that Mr Cobb has sent to the Volunteer and procured five penguins, three kings and two gentoos, they are in splendid condition, very fat & glossy plumage. I hope some at least will survive the passage home. Capt Smith has on board promises to do his utmost for them whilst under his care. Mr Cobb has offered £2. 10/. for every bird landed alive in England as an inducement to the penguin keepers. I am, Sir,

your obedient Servant.

for A. Cobb.
Colonial Manager.
(Signed) G Travis.

To Coleman. Esq.
Secretary
Falkland Islands Co.
London.

Enclosures.

Duplicate of despatches & letters
per Steinacker.

2nd Bill of Exchange £335 7/10 5.0.6.
1st Exchange " " 336 12.0.0

Copies of two envelopes "Treasury of Bay"
letter book to Scales 21 Nov.

Bigg's photo. of store, jetty, Sawyer, &c.

Shipping list, produce returns -

Cash taken - vouchers for Oct. Nov.

Copy of Cash Bk. & Journal, Sept. & Oct.

Stanley balances 30 Sept. 1870.