233.

Black Hawk.

2nd April 7

Sir,

Your despatch 409 arrived per Black Hawk on the 19th inst, and by the same conveyance I received the following telegram:- "Send Black England opening." In accordance with the latter, I have arranged that the Sparrow Hawk is to convey the mails from 15th May, until the arrival of the Black Hawk from England.

2. No 409 2. I enclose a separate memorandum about my horses which although much wanted, must not be allowed to interfere with business, if funds are short. As regards stores, the Director will no doubt do what they can, and I shall not be disappointed

I Coleman, Lt R.

Penang

I propose that when the indent
would cost to execute more than
you have to spare, you ship
provisions + clothing in full, and
I would say the same as regards
building materials, but that a
direct record would be necessary.
Outward ship stores, such as
canvas, rope, and oak logs, and
any goods for which there is not
a steady demand. Do not
stint materials for sheep bagging,
or any farm necessaries. I am
glad to see the proposed regular
shipment by mail; I proposed
them nearly five years ago, as
being advantageous to both store
and schooner. The Black Hawk
should be home at the end of
July, and, allowing her two
months for refitting and loading,
will, I presume, be the October
vessel

3. Par. 5. It is always easy to be wise after an event; as the pieces for which leathers were wanted were known to be hydraulic, the use of the latter word would surely have been superfluous. Perpetuals leathers were not sent for the pieces for Spanish Hawk and Vicar of Bray, and ~~my~~ prompt notice of my wants was sent had the manufacturer received the order properly.

4. Par. 6. Tell never had anything to do with the cattle; they have been since the office of Camp Manager was abolished, under the charge of C. & O. Smith, the Corporal and Percy Sherdeman respectively. I lately reported on the mud cattle with reference to their extermination, they are a great nuisance to the sheep, and of little value comparatively considering the quantity of ground they cover.

There cattle, numbering about 3000 are useful solely as supplying beef to Darwin and Stanley. I intend after the sheep are finished to boil down some old cows when I can

[illegible] for [illegible]

[illegible] Sir J. Shaw [illegible]
[illegible] way in which [illegible]
[illegible] the largest debtor, has
answered the call made upon him
must be [illegible] which Directors
who will doubtless be satisfied to
make advances to a man of such
means upon his engagement to pay
in the way mentioned in this
paragraph.

[illegible] following the
Directors' [illegible] will not [illegible]
would appear [illegible] letter. Perhaps
Capt. will tell you how much he
was while the [illegible] was at Mexico
this [illegible] alone renders him unfit
for [illegible] entrusted to his
Clay the [illegible] of the Directors
that I should [illegible] [illegible]
under him, to which the former
objected the strongest objection
for many reasons which I acquainted
him to [illegible] writing.

I am Sir [illegible] your
have been ordered to delay the

[illegible] for four months on account
of the comparatively slight injuries
she had received, in a case like this
the delegation to arrange credit is always
expected to prevent any difficulties as to
payment, which must otherwise
in this instance.

I am sure that
the Governor will approve the
course I took in despatching the
Spencer Smith to Montevideo, as both
the mail & the Black Hawk returned
completely full, and with 40 passengers
between them. The Spencer Smith
arrived on the 21st. March at 2 a.m.
making a good passage of 8 days to
Rio. The three riggers for the
Black Hawk I hope, perhaps may
join them, although if not the
Captain thought he could be different to
get the dead eyes turned in a month
or could be done by professional
riggers. The Spencer Smith is now
hauled on the ways as the Black Hawk
and the riggers will last for some
time. The latter will join this
place

visit and then by permission
of the Governor the Pheasant
Hawk will temporarily take up
the service. I have thought it
right to do this because I want
the Pheasant Hawk to run range
in from the West for the next
ship, as well as the Swan and
Hebrus may not only succeed
in getting a valuable ship from
Montevideo but I feared a chance
by waiting of ~~[illegible]~~ picking up
Cargo that out of the Rio Plata.

9. Lor. I hear about
the Law Books which I ordered
at Portsmouth. When I last spoke
of them we had [illegible] we were
preparing to leave the Orders must
be told me he wanted to be there
and arrange the matter with re
publishers. I suppose
will of course lay the matter
before the Colonial Office who
have a hold upon them in which
I [illegible]

to.

[illegible] he would call [illegible]
[illegible] should the Company be
[illegible]

[illegible] for. to? [illegible] fit more
[illegible] other [illegible] for [illegible] shepherd, to
[illegible] [illegible] conference and [illegible] arrangement,
[illegible] should suggest [illegible] to. they
[illegible] here three or four months before
[illegible] more [illegible] and [illegible] a friend
[illegible] do [illegible] work when they shall
[illegible] a bad [illegible] of the place
[illegible] to be heard at the [illegible] of shepherd
[illegible] would [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] favourable
[illegible] those [illegible] and [illegible] on the [illegible]
on the contrary [illegible] more [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] whole [illegible] of the latter
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] mail [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
capable as any [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] it
is to know what [illegible] would [illegible] be
[illegible] [illegible] a land. [illegible] [illegible]
should say that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

by November, would be sufficient.
I believe however, that we can
get as many capable shepherds
as we want from Montevideo,
more who are thrown out of employ-
ment by the depressed state of
the country.

I feel great satis-
faction in reporting to the Directors
the arrangements I have made
for boiling down this season. I
have felt all along that the two
first boilings were carried on
upon a wrong system viz: the
payment to the Engineer of £100
on the number of sheep boiled
down. My instructions
was the object to be attained and
I feel that although the Engineer
cleared 12,000 sheep in Jan the
costing the Company £2,500 and
leaving the Engineer after paying
his labourers, over £200 net profit
or about £50 per month, it
whole of the latter did not cover

out of the sheep. The Engineer blamed the Butchers for not chipping the Ewes property, the Butchers asserted that some of the Digesters were only half cooked. In consequence of the Inhabitants game of the Engineer and the handsome manner he was obliged to pay his labourers, I found that some finger was being looked upon this year as a sort of Essequibo, — Shaved by a side wind that the Butchers would not work under 6/ a sheep, and Labourers were going to be raised out for 7/. 9/. and 10/. p. a day. Accordingly the Negroes were assembled, and the Monteviden[illegible] a gang of seven accustomed to grazing work, and accomodated, by a little disbursement, in every thing the Negroes could be satisfied with, induced them to 18/ per month (1/ by day and double pay for night work) and a bonus of 5 per cent. for every pound of tallow over an average of 20 lbs. per sheep. The men have arrived at 18/ per month and found cooking about 1/. per day per head

with passengers up and down
and I have since signed an
agreement with eight of them
at the Exchequer if required on
5th of per chest. On the eight
chest I shall pay the watchers of
per eight Cabin and give an handsome
two glasses of grog a day. I hope
to be give [illegible] commendation,
so as to have all the factors ready
for the next ship. This came
has been a place to pass some nights,
the like [illegible] Carpenters have
suffered by not being forthcoming.

The Engineer is in sole charge of
the men and his labour pleasure
men will cause him short work very
sharply after every Journal of
fat. Journal of the men
men are shepherds, and have
worked for work after the
boiling down is over. of the ship

13. Mr. Sinclair, writes
his wife will make for home

11. I do not know if there is any truth in anything in the world where it has hitherto always been allowed as the steering end, though forbidden in the fort where the mast is hoisted and stowed. A shepherd can always chew baccy with a pipe in his mouth, and I see little danger so long as precautions are taken. what if objected to it can be stopped. in which case please send me a few pounds weight of the following effects. Anything in this building is strictly prohibited. By order of the Directors. &c.

15. Does your presence forebode any thing ill to dear Pocahontas Indians, in a few years time there will not be a single native left in the whole country.

16. Is it possible to persuade our chiefs to let you have a piece of ground to build a house on. The spot decided on is the strength of a whole acre of tobacco.

If You will be interested to
learn that Messrs Christopher
Thomas & Brothers of Bristol
have manufactured especially a
coat from our Cocoa of which
they were large purchasers.

We have lately been
at Darwin where I found
matters going on satisfactorily.
The dipping & shearing time
has had a wonderful effect upon
the sheep which are coming
up for their second dipping in
excellent condition. Mrs. Mc.
Clay who appears to me to
devote all his energies to the
work, with the determination to
succeed, and to have a mind
more
open to conviction than you will
find in most Scotchmen - Perhaps
Sarah [illegible] my meaning but
I will give you an instance. I have
said that Mr Mackenzie's thoughts

sheep shear more wool, and that
wool fetches a higher price than ours,
it must follow that those sheep
as an investment are better than
ours. Mr. Clay cannot help seeing
this, and wants to buy a score, but
the average Scotch shepherd inclines
says that he does not believe in the
weights, or takes refuge behind the
reputed accretion. "there are no
sheep like the Cheviots."

I am sorry to hear it
reported from several trustworthy
quarters that Mr's Anderson's sheep
have broken out badly with scab.

2d. In my index to those
not alluded to dipping materials,
because wished to mention them
specially. Find at Dawson last
July to have 16 boxes, and have
received since five tins of Benzoated
Ebbs 16 boxes more, that is 26 boxes
altogether the whole of which must
have been used or sold before winter
It appears to me that supposing
all the dipping is to be done with

tobacco next season, not less
than 35 tons will be wanted for
ourselves and others. If you
shut our customers on tobacco
the want of it is likely to stint
their wool which is wanted to pay
off their debts; therefore you
should send a good supply. The
tobacco exhaust has arrived too
late and in too small a quantity
to test it properly this season,
there should be enough to dip
a whole flock of 1000 sheep twice,
and the effect would be seen at
the next clipping. If you like to
try it on a large scale, subdivide
as much as you think proper
for so much of the 35 tons tobacco,
reckoning 100 lbs. of the latter to
400 gallons water. In the same
way if you like to try McDougall
again, cut down a further quantity
of the tobacco in place of the
quantity you send. Again, why
not send at least one third of the

tobacco of the cheap rank kind, and
let me by it for side by side with
the Inspectors kind that you so much
prefer? I refer to the 11lb brand
per Spanner Hawk, which was 4d/4
against 6d. So much for the
tobacco, which, you will clearly understand
should not be less than 3s lbs in
weight, unless you provide substitutes.
As to sulphur and spirits of tar, there
are diversities of opinion. Tel says
sulphur is useless and spirits of tar
invaluable in the dip. Mr Macaroon
says sulphur is indispensable, and
the money spent on spirits of tar
thrown away. Mr McClymont is
much Tell. My opinion is that
spirits of tar can be used to advan-
tage in spotting, but that it is
so difficult to mix in a dip that
the few first sheep carry it away.
I believe also in sulphur as a dis-
infectant, though not as a cure. Mr
Clay takes my views, and the Wacker
Creek dipping is done without spirits
of tar, but with a grantd. of sulphur.

time will show which is right, meanwhile I recommend the shipment of 15 tons sulphur, and 500 gallons Spirits of tar. I hope that I have now explained my views for the next dipping, sufficiently to enable the Directors to judge for themselves.

21. Mr Clay upon the Waiker Creek boiler to be worn out; four should be sent, without cocks or gratings, as the old ones will do; this will save part of the cost.

22. I inclose copy of a correspondence with W. Slattery, by which you will observe that I have secured the Springfield wool offer all, which please add to the insurance. The quantity I do not know, but there is a good increase. Be good enough to add the shipping book asked for by my last order for six sets.

23. The cargo per Ebo is landed according to manifest, except #7395, a case of clothing, not in the invoice, to be supplied to the private effects.

24. The want of wood is becoming serious. I have bought ~~10,000~~ 10,000 feet from Mr. Dean, and must continue buying. I cannot see that it is at all reasonable in price in Montevideo, and I hardly know what to do. There is a schooner here with some goods for sale including lumber, and I am going to try to buy it if I can. Mr. Dean has spoken of getting wood direct from North America: in case a first chance were possible I enclose a memo. of the quantities that we could safely take.

25. The Fairy will require a new suit of sails by the time you can send them. I enclose a draft of the vessel, from which I suppose Lapthorne can make them. His sails wear wonderfully, and are the cheapest in the end. Captain Dean says that as he is going home he will not touch the rigging, which will stand the voyage. I find that it will just fit the Fairy.

26. I am sorry that I have to draw a good deal, but money is very scarce, and the store brings in but little. There is a good cargo to follow, fortunately.

27. H.M.S. Volage in here, and leaves to-morrow for Darwin Harbour. I am invited by the Ward Room officers to join them, and shall go. Mr. & Mrs. Callaghan are also joining the ship.

28. The Sparrow Hawk having brought a crew for the Crown Prince, she has at last left.

29. Two provisions have left. I recommend an immediate shipment of tea, coffee and sugar - the last the most important, though all will be wanted. The consumption at Darwin cannot be under 10 barrels of sugar a month. The Brazilian coffee is not liked.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant

Alex. Forrest
Colonial Treasurer

omitted to refer to the clearing returns.
The number of sheep to be accounted
for, as per my statement p. dep. 223
was 9,8 8/11.

The number shown to have
died
killed 1360 [illegible] 88 1/4
7760

The number missing is consequently
7760, which, though yet to be reduced
by stragglers, shows a larger percentage
of loss than I expected. To a great
extent this is to be accounted for by
the severity of the winter and spring,
which in some cases, on the West and
elsewhere, swept off a number equal
to the preceding year increase, in a
few heavier loss than ours.

Enclosures.

Desp. N° 232

" Manifest of Vicar of Bray

Correspondence as to Stickney's business

Cobb to Stickney 5 Mar. 22nd. do.

Stickney to Cobb 5th Feb. 24 Mar.

Dean to Stickney 11 Jan.

Clay to Directors 27 March

" Coleman " "

Vicar of Bray's corrected a/c. 27. 3

Cobb to Travis 21 Mar.

Price list corrected

Notice to Capt. Dixon 21st Mar.

Desp. Ludwell 15th Feb. 22nd do. 26th do.

" Silver coins for Vicar

1 Bill of lading "

Shearing return 1876/7

Sheep sold and killed 1876

Counted lambing a/c. 1876

Stanley Cash book & journal Feby

" Cash voucher Feby.

2 Statements on a/c.

Shipping report

Letter for F. Riggs

Memos on Ludwell's claim

[illegible] Gilmore [illegible]

of

the circumstances of his dismissal were detailed in my statement written at Carrier Harbour [illegible] On the 8th Feby. the conversation took place as reported on the reference & his having when he applied [illegible] to cancel his agreement and on the same day intimated to him through [illegible] Langdon that he would receive six months' salary in lieu of notice.

In the statement of claim [illegible] he dates his dismissal from the 29th. February. In neither notice was given on 8th Feby. corresponding the verbal dismissal of the week before

Upon receiving six months salary as per agreement the claimant further proposed for his counsel.

In reference to the conversation the matter was referred to Mr. Smith when he [illegible] his conversation as regarded the commissioner claimed [illegible] to his account and to the best

of my recollection, the commis-
sion during the six months notice
was also spoken of, and Gjelchist
said he did not claim it; but
of this I cannot be certain if
I saw Mr Smith's opinion or
the agreement, of which I have
unfortunately no copy.

I observed that Gjelchist
claims passage money for his
wife and mother-in-law, who
are certainly whose of the
family. Why should the action
not have been tried in Stanley,
where there is a competent court,
and all the witnesses were on
the spot?

Thos Goodall
Govr. Asst

Falkland Islands
Stanley. 29th Nov. 1877.

2nd Sept 7

5000 instead of 4000 yds. Bagging
32 in. ordered before.
1 sheet each thick & thin invention
1 cwt. Cotton waste
1 doz "blow down cowls" for smoky
chimneys to turn with the
wind, much wanted

2 hanging lamps like those for
store, specially ordered.

2 boats, 12 ft 6 like one from
J. Walton, V. Tatham 10th, a
very strong & useful boat

1 Silver hunting watch from
Lund for W Doolan £7 10/

"Specification" for a [illegible]

100.000	ft. 1" board.
150.000	3/4" "
30.000	2" "
10.000	1½" "
50.000	3 × 9 Deals
25.000	3 × 11/2" "
10.000	4 × 12 "
30.000	5/8" × 6½" Matchboarding
30,000	4 ft. 6 or 5 ft. framing battens
	to fill up as broken stowage

The above is only a suggestion, the 3/4" and 1" boards are not in excess of requirements, for some of the deals might be substituted for battens 3 × 3 and 11/2 × 3

Wexford
Coburne Quarries

Slaney,
2nd April 1877

Foundations can be
prepared here if necessary -
was the stone per Viscount of Bray
examined to see if it would do
instead of bricks for the house?
I believe stone would be much
cheaper.

Allen Gordon
Colonial Secretary.

Stanley,
2nd April, 1877

2 April 7

I have drawn the following in favor
of The London & River Plate Bank 150 . .
Henry S. King & Co 100 . .
J. M.d Dean & Sons 100 . .
and have to request you to pay
W. Russell 169 . .
To Very Revd J. W. Bewick
Tynemouth Northumberland 7 11 6
Andrew Baillon Nottingham 7 10 .
E. Cobb 9 . .
R. E. Cobb for a pump on application

Allen & Sons.
Colonial Treasurers.

29 March 7

In reply to your Statement No. 4
the credited amounts in Journal
Entry to Debit of Albany & Colonial Government
Please pay Mr. Charles on account of
Mr. H.H. Cobb if you have not done so.
The freight £34.11.9 was credited partly
to Sparrow Hawk's Working Account for
the portion earned by her and to Store
for that per Frederica & Nera as we presumed
it belonged to those accounts, the Store
being usual charged with the full freights
paid less collections in London, no
intimation of any alteration having
been sent we considered this the correct
thing.

If you refer to the Stanley Journal for
December 1876, you will find you are
wrong respecting Russell's £3.6.8 our entry
being for £625.1.9 whereas your dates
mentioned in our journal show £628.8.5
difference £3.6.8, this was owing to there
being a doubt whether the amount was
part of £93.6.8 paid in as per Stanley
Statement 16 Aug 75, and on receiving
your entry balancing this account
no further notice was taken of it.
In your Journal Entries for Freight &c
on account of Black Hawk please state on
whose account, also if you could intimate
by the same mail when freight is to be
received in London it would prevent us
being charged this side also, although
it is much better for freight to be paid
here as there are always some exchanges
on Montevideo, other means are Montevideo
Please note that Journal Entry for Feb 14
Debit of F.L. Humphreys should be £211.4.8
instead of £211.4.0 the 8d being to credit
of Directors for draft on them.

Jan. 8 1878.

Colonial Secretary

Sheep sold and Killed in 1877.

How Disposed of

		Rams	Wethers	Total
Sold	Barron Hawk for Sandy Point		200	200
"	Smith & Cameron	1,000		1,000
"	Lively Island		50	50
"	Sparrow Hawk for Sandy Point		153	153
"	Jessie Brown " "		154	154
"	Shears & Robson & Smith Rams			18
"	Speedwell Island "			31
"	Holmested & Dale	366		366
"	Baillon Bros	1,000		1,000
	Total Sold Rams 48	2,366	557	2,971
"	Goose Green for Tallow 29	3,416	9,114	12559
"	Stanley Dockyard		1,095	1,595
"	Outside Inspection		210	210
"	Killed for Darwin		540	540
"	" " Walker Creek		187	187
	Total Killed 29	3,416	11,652	15,097

Total Disposed of	Rams 48	2,366	557	2,971
Sold	29	3,416	11,652	15,097
Killed				
	77	5,782	12,209	18,068

Stanley 2 April 1877.

Lieut. Moody.
Colonial Manager

Account of Carcases cast aled in the year 1876

Name of Flock	Ewes	Wethers	Ricolins	Rams	Total
Mariaville	624	574	4		1.198
Low Harbour	1373	1.268	00		2.645
Cygnet Harb.	522	527	14		1.063
Hinchs "	611	576	11		1192
Burnfoot	583	514	14		1.111
Bodie Green	346	57	9	422	827
Lavinia	801	674	11		1486
Lagoon Isla	625	476	11		972
High Hill	147	134	2	1	200
Bluff Creek	602	577	10		1.270
Swan Inlet	1565	1.230	37		2.640
Sad Creek	321	276	11		608
Bare Hill	389	304	10		703
Arrow Harbr.	1052	1.028	21		2.101
Miles Creek	746	666	13		1.425
Low Bay	621	461	7		1089
S.B. Little River	298	290	10		598
Walker Creek	1129	1.097	19		2.245
Island Creek	938	901	16		1.855
Seal Cove	1171	1.006	14		2197
	14.162	12.730	273	422	27.611

Stanley 2 April 1877.

Leo. Goss.
Colonial Manager.

Sheep shorn 1876/7.

Stocks	Ewes	Ewe Hoggets	Wethers	W. Hoggets	Totals
Burnpoor	1,231	370	104	16	1,721
Manawire	1,123	348	50	20	1,541
Wharton Basin	1,140	559	21	35	1,741
Cygnet "	1142	484	19	13	1,608
Logo "	2,189	1,093	118	40	3,440
High Hill "	566	606	202	42	1,416
Bone "	1,062	496	151	34	1,743
Arrow Harbr.	2,051	671	34	67	2,823
Low Bay	1,444	1,067	36	8	2,555
S.E. Bath Rincon	540	111	23	4	684
Woodie Head	863	286	7	15	1,171
Miles Cove	1,252	487	218	27	2,064
Walker "	2,309	1,059	34	25	3,407
Boland "	2,125	132	16	8	2,281
Seal Cove	2,303	603	26	17	2,949
Inside Wall	80	35	96	55	266
Rincon Upper			2,305	28	2,333
Rincon Lower			1,230		1,270
Findley Hall			1,332	16	1,348
Fanny Cove			21	2,133	2,180
Downs Pleasant			747		747
Hill Head			1,869		1,869
Black Rock			401	1,291	1,692
Mogul Harbr.			55	2144	2199
N.W. Arm			1,971	23	1,994
Hill Side			21	1140	1,161
Dansen Harbr.				2,406	2,406
Fitzroy			5	1218	1,223
Mossside			2,188		2,188
	21,500	8,323	13,162	10,230	54,423

Goods	cases	Weight	Value	Weight	Total
	21.500	12.323	13.762	10.830	64.423
Cases			1.261	19	1.280
Arms			2.000		2.000
Cloth	406	203	195	67	1,631
Woollens	1,076	423	131	30	1,220
Silver	1,409	1,053	70	24	2,600
Beads	1,053	747	66	44	1,914
Sundries	2,440	1,053	65	21	3,561
	28,008	12,602	17,540	11,065	69,111
			Rams		929
					70,040

Stanley 2 A.S. 1877.

Alex. Goode.
Colonial Secretary.

2314

A. M. S. Wage.

April 7.

Sir,

The Black Hawk with my last despatch, duplicate of which is enclosed, sailed on the 4th inst.

2. I much regret to inform you that the large shed for drying skins at Gpoo-ge, which had been in course of erection for three months was blown to the ground during a violent gale on the 30th inst. I despatched as soon as possible all the carpenters I could engage on Stanley to the spot, and hope the shed may yet be up in time to save the skins. The boiling down is in progress: I have not been there myself since it began, but am having very closely for the Camp.

3. The spot upon which I propose to erect my house is behind the present one, the front wall would be 132 feet from the road, 10 ft. higher than the level of the road and 21 feet above the sea level. From the door place the distance to the back road is 100 ft. and the rise so slight as to be practicable. I asked Mr. Bailey to draw me a plan and section but could not get him to do it. I am, Sir

Your obedient Servant

Alex. Elder

Commercial Agent

H. Coleman, Esq.

Secretary,

London

Enclosures

Official No. 233

1. Declaring No. 293 &c. &c.

Document not received

21st April 7

I permit the following draft
in Lieut Baynes on Martin & Co. £10 . .
and advise having drawn in
favour of the London & River Plate Bank £50 . .
This draft is for my further purchase of wood
which I have been compelled to make

Alex. Cobb.
Colonial Treasury.

Employed & employed in Co's Service

No	Name	Wife	Children	No	Name	Wife	Children
1	Fell Wm	1	4	31	Campbell Jas	1	
2	Mc Donald A	1	3	32	Bethune Jas	1	4
3	Ross Jas	1	6	33	Mc Lean Mc	1	1
4	Morrison Ewen	1	6	34	Halliday W	1	2
5	Patterson Ths	1	5	35	Lowe Mc W	1	2
6	Campbell R	1	3	36	Malkieson G.	1	3
7	D° Jas	1	1	37	Mc Kay G.	1	1
8	Lyons A	1	1	38	Thompson G.	1	5
9	Scott Adam	1	6	39	Gordon Ross	1	6
10	Finlayson Mc.	1	2	40	Cameron J	1	2
11	Mc Lean C	1		41	Weir J	1	2
12	Mc Call A		1	42	Mc Kinnon J	1	1
13	Mc Call W		1	43	Douglas Ths	1	2
14	Smith D	1	1	44	Scott J		
15	Brunell P	1	8	45	Douglas W		
16	Smith J	1	6	46	Mc Kinnon A		
17	Fell Jas	1		47	Scott W		
18	White Steward	1	3	48	Robson R		
19	Phillips J	1	1	49	Rowan W		
20	Jennings Ly	1	5	50	Telford A		
21	Steel Jas	1	5	51	Gardiner Ly		
22	Smith C	1	3	52	Morrison D		
23	Mc Pherson L	1	3	53	King J		
24	Lyle A	1	2	54	Costin W		
25	Patterson Ly	1	6	55	Armstrong W		
26	Pearson J	1	4	56	Mc Leod K		
27	Bond Ths	1	3	57	Scott J		
28	Glendinning A	1	1	58	Carrol Mc		
29	Middleton S	1	3	59	Jamieson W		
30	Watson Ths	1	5	61	Hewitt D		
30		28	93	30		13	31

Name	Wife	Children	No	Name	Wife	Children
Hardy J			91	McBain R		
Lyons Gr			2	Campbell W		
Rae Gr			3	Fraser W		
Doolan W			4	Fraser A		
Campbell Jno			5	Lees G		
Jonson G F			6	McLeod J		
Goodwin J			7	Rudd J		
Hutton W			8	Perrington Gr		
North A			9	McCallum J		
Munroe F			100	D. A M		
Simpson D			1	Stewart Gr		
Clement W			2	Rutter A		
Johnston G			3	Williams W		
Rae J			4	Bethune J.		
Thompson J				C.P. Clay		
Biggs J						
Burgess J				Totals		
Charkies Gr						
Dobie T			116	Men		
Butler Gr			41	Women		
Scott W			124	Children		
Johnson G						
Mercer Gr			270			
Phillips G						
Armstrong Gr			The above account is only			
Fraser D			to 31 December 1876.			
Miller W						
McKinnon N			Stanley May 1877.			
Smith G						
Simpson W				Lieut. Governor		
				Colonial Secretary		

Stanley,
14th May, 1877.

Sir,

Understanding that the three months' grace after the due date of Mr. Williams' rent will expire tomorrow I shall feel obliged if you will represent to His Excellency the Governor that an agent for the Mortgagee of Mr. Williams' property I should feel it to be my duty to guarantee payment of the rent, should that gentleman be unable to meet it.

I however, as Mr. Williams is not in Stanley I hope to receive your assurance that His Excellency will take no proceedings until he hears further, more daily expected.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant
Jas. Lowe.

G. Rennie, Esq.
Colonial Secretary
&c &c &c

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Black Hawk.

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15th May 7

Sir,

Enclosing duplicate of my last per steam Voltage I have now to acknowledge receipt of your despatch N: 510 per Sea Witch on the 3rd inst. and N: 511 per Black Hawk on the 4th inst, the latter reached me at Darwin Harbour on the 6th inst.

2. 510 — 2 I send a list of people at Darwin and in the Camp: if I gave you any estimate of the probable income of a doctor it would be misleading; work, for instance at the pure annual subscriptions for the Minister, which dropped to nothing last year. You might get subscriptions, perhaps £80 a year, promised beforehand, but don't calculate on anything permanent. No census has been taken but I propose to send you a copy of the Jury list by next mail. What other particulars

I. Coleman, Esq
Surveyor General
Darwin

do you require for the information of Mussel men?

3. Par. 3. It is seldom that two shepherds are permanently placed with a flock, so, after the first year, one is usually sufficient. Perhaps in one or two situations a double house might be advantageous. The family (not families) from Hampshire per Hudson, will remain here; but James, John, and Robert Campbell and family, and J. Watson and family go this mail, all but James Campbell at their own expence, with an allowance from me in lieu of passage. James Campbell as a trustworthy servant of 3 years' standing, and a subordinate official of the Co. I am sending by mail, in recognition of his services, believing an indulgence of this kind to be in accordance with the Directors' wish that good service should be rewarded.

4. Jan. 5. The samples of wool from the sheep dipped in lime & sulphur arrived from Hawera too late to be sent by mail, but you will be able to examine them I sent for them. You are entirely in error in supposing that the whole stock of tobacco has been used on the Company's sheep: I have supplied the wants of the farmers so far & told that if I allowed them to learn short of dipping materials it would be a most shortsighted policy, as sent might get the upper hand on their flocks and deaths and loss of wool would materially lessen the Company's security. Mr. Watson has 20,000 sheep and his process is as tough and ready as ours. I have seen it conclusively proved both at Tai Tapu and Lincoln that the common, harsh cheap tobacco cures scab as well as the expensive kind you send me; if after this the Directors still insist upon paying a high price I can only bow to their decision with silent regret. With regard to the whole

entire of the Colonies and having
obtained your last suggestions was
that it should not be raised to
boiling point at all. such treatment
as I should judge would hardly
extract all the virtue. Ipecacuanha
as I understand it is a volatile spirit
it is really impossible for me to
judge of the strength of a decoction
until you send me the leaf I have
asked for. - Dr Affleck only threw
them away as worthless have no more
use than dirty water.

5. 6th. Lord Dorchester
has difficult to obtain here at
any price, and so would be the
Cowries I take for any wealth having
I suppose fed I do not believe
a voyage hurts them. Stewart and
the Steam vessel upon which you
promised that the Company would
give them dogs. Among the en-
closed copy of letter to Adam upon
you will see that I have discharged
him without a passage; George has
asked leave to go which I have

granted. permit me to say that I differ entirely from your view that a passage have given to a machine would have a good effect, the passage is looked upon as a boon granted by no other employer here, and misconduct would be thought to be rewarded instead of punished, if your suggestion were carried out. I write this after fully discussing the matter with Messrs. Clay & Fell, who are quite with me

6. Par. 4. The fore end of Walker Creek is higher than the one at Darwin but it makes a shorter bale, of which I thought you were aware. I will keep the one last sent, as desired but I am sure our Carpenter could make a new one at less cost than the price you paid, particularly as the old bottom and wheels do not want renewing in any case.

7. Par. 5. The Ada has lately sailed with the cargo left by Eastern Empire, a draft on the Owners is inclosed. The former paid an address commission here of 2½%.

to be fixed up should have any
alterations.

9 Lieut Shortland
avoided arranging that the Sparrow
hawk should be substituted for
the Black Hawk in case of mishap,
in order that she might not be called
upon for her services at a perhaps
inconvenient time, bearing well
that if necessary I could always
arrange it, as Sirius was done
until lately intended to rem
the Sparrow hawk this vessel, but
find it absolutely necessary to
detain her to complete the collection
of specimens for the second ship.
The Black Hawk will therefore not
leave for England before the end
of June. Capt. Dixon will probably
take her home, as he declined to
change with Compass in the first
instance and the latter is now
averse to leaving the Sparrow hawk.
Whatever advantages a fore and aft
rig may possess for coasting, I

sincerely hope no change will be
made in the Black Coast; for ocean
work and long runs the topsail ves-
sel is infinite service. To make her a
pass and after you must give her
longer lower masts, and run into no
kind of expence. It was to late to
reduce the tonnage of the second produce
vessel though work at once

6 Par. 9. Vessel chartered
in Europe Ships have always freed under
land as ballast besides which I now find
that good inland land may be procured
on the River Sherbro and at a place
not far from Banana. I am continually
experimenting the preparations of provis-
tions of your stock and instructions

11. Par. 10. Small work
with the matter of the Williams's
ballast. I do not understand the le-
mark about boiling down other settlers
sheep in connection with cash, which
in any arrangement made are supplied
by the Company. Our cash from
Wilson are as bad as they can be; of course

Remembering the Contents of former
complaints I always could for
instance expect to be told by
Nelson that they are perhaps the
finest Ice sent out. However
send a letter from the Cooper who
should know the business and
his remarks are not sparing. I
am to address a letter of complaint
to me but he misunderstood me, and
wrote direct. While on this subject
I should recommend the shipment
of about 4000 more casks not for
immediate use but for the coopers
to go on with

12. Jan. 12. I see that
I am considered responsible for the
detention of cargo in Montevideo
a few days will show where the fault
lies. On the 13th I sent a despatch
by telegram on the 1st Dec. and to Consul
at on the 23rd Dec. upon which the
goods. On the 2nd came my
informed by Thompson & Co as per
extract inclosed that the vessel

hear from you what cargo was coming
to Sealy Expected the goods but you
knew they were to be shipped, it appears
to me, that and you will correct me if
am wrong, that there must have been
several opportunities between the 1st and
23rd Dec. by which advice of the coming
shipment might have been sent to
Humphreys

13 Par. 14 I never heard
about a travelling Expedition before and
cannot bring myself to believe that any
one can have proposed it except as a joke.
It is utterly absurd to say that a shepherd
has no time to attend to a garden, or that
he is hard worked in the Camp: tending
sound sheep is not a laborious occupation,
and any one who likes to take the trouble
can grow vegetables in the places. At
Dawson Harbour, 120 miles from here I
had ten days ago as fine a dish of
potatoes as I could wish for, and the
shepherd, a Norman M. Kinnon, had a
capital crop of turnips as well. Neither
I, nor any of those I have mentioned

the matter to have been heard of any incurable arising from the want of green food, and there is none of the discontent, that you seem to fancy exists, excepting, as the Bay keeps, at the meagre supplies of stores sent to Darwin. If men are too lazy to grow potatoes, let them go without, or you will never know where to stop. A travelling cook to prepare the vegetables may next be asked for, and I have even heard it suggested that a travelling washerwoman, to attend to the clothes of those whose physical exertions during the day render them careless as to due cleanliness, would be appreciated; but I think this was merely said in earnest. I shall issue the walk and land rations as the Bay likes to try the experiment, the former has been drawn, but none as far as I can learn, with success.

13. Par. 16. It is impossible to trace the man who actually received the money from A. Fraser.

11th Jan 17. To have to collect money here for Capt. Lamb perhaps he wishes me to deduct it 3.6/. from it: he has not written. Enclosed is a copy of my letter to Capt. Newman.

18. Jan. 18. The plan of Stanley shall have my attention by first next mail.

16. The Ld Konig, 454 tons has arrived for the second cargo, and is now loading at Darwin. I hope with good fortune to despatch her by the third week in June. The Steamship has not carried out my instructions as to the charter, (copy of which, for the information of the Governor Penelope enclosed) as she is to sail from Darwin direct. If she is not full & has freight that out of the Yen Nieh, the Captain declining to return to Stanley under 200, and it necessitates my having to be on the spot to despatch her, when ready. Pilotage home to Darwin & undertook at the Company's expence, but the charter party stipulates that we pay all pilotage. In all other respects

I appear to be correct.

7th Shave just returned from a fortnights visit to the Camp, and am writing hurriedly. Among memorandums I found that Jones gross was all wrong, the men sent from Montevideo were for the most part not up to the work, and had to engage some of the old hands at 4/ a sheep, with their food, an advance on last year; but I was in a corner. I am happy to say that the new appliances for dressing tallow are answering admirably, and I expect a great improvement in the weights. Unless the bad rainy season sets in more melted tallow in the troughs from the bad casks than the Macedon did. I left men and machinery all working satisfactorily.

10th I saw a good many sheep looking very clean before Darwin and Duncan Stockbowes, the dipping at shearing time has had a wonderful effect. The

these sheep under the same circumstances as well as could be wished.

9. Mr. Boiling down some of the old ewes drawn by Mr. Clay found that they yielded barely 5 lbs. of tallow each, that is to say, that after expenses are paid the net return instead of the 5lbs would be about 6d or under thus° these circumstances considered I am of opinion fortunate in selling 1200 to Mr. Cramond at 3s each to be paid for in cattle or bullocks for Cows Green.

10. The division of sheep on Goodwill Island with Mr. Cadell has taken place Labels and Shears packed with all the lots that formed the Company's share, upon terms which the Directors will consider prudent, when I say that they were all so nearly that neither Mr Clay nor I wished to introduce one sheep more than necessary on to the Company's land. I had rather [illegible] them at his own risk and expence from the Island, and in the same way deliver at Darwin three wethers for

two cases. I have considered this to be outside the prohibition to part with cases which I have carefully observed, excepting as regards those mentioned in the last paragraph. Those I should have mentioned are dropped out as being coarse, hairy or barren.

21 In further reference to the matter of discontent I send you open a letter from George Patterson to a Bank agent in Scotland in reply to the latter's letter which also enclose Patterson letter is quite spontaneous as I had had no conversation with him at any time on the subject, and coming from a man of 18 years' service it is a startling commentary on the false cries that there is general discontent in the Camp. Patterson says "no "working class gets any easy chance "the world, much more so than in "Scotland .... I find it very "good employ". If a man says

this after 15 years experience, can you seriously attend to a little occasional grumbling from men who have not settled down? Remember that every shepherd in the employ has been discontented at least once during his life — he was discontented with his own country, or he would never have left it! In fact your establishment is officered and manned with malcontents! I have been told by several people that the Falkland Islands are painted at home in colours far too gorgeous, that in fact, our shepherds fancy they are coming to a little Paradise in miniature and that their disappointment is proportionately great, when they find how sombre the colours really are. Instead of pampering the Scotch shepherd, and making a molly-coddle of him with travelling gardeners and the like, [illegible] until he begins to fancy that he ought to be put under a glass case, my plan would be to see that he has a water tight house, good meat, a good cook at shearing time, and the means of

getting supplies at the store, and you will hear very little about discontent. I gave the men at Dawson this year a set of cricket things at my own expense, and they played every night after shearing was over, enjoying it much: you might send me two or three sets of quoits for next season. I shall conclude my remarks on this subject, by referring you to the manner sums the Campbells have saved, for which they take orders on the Directors.

22. Mr Yeoman has asked me for a subscription towards roofing the Darwin church and paying off the debt; but I have stated that I am unable to devote the Company's money to object of this kind; at the same time I said I should have much pleasure in favourably representing the matter to the Directors, and would go as far as supplying the iron

a/ cwt / peas. — Mr. Spencer was
handed a list with subscriptions from
the Governor. Capt. Fanshawe proposed
the following agreement was then brought
forward by more than one. "The
Company's schoolmaster uses the building,
therefore the Company should roof it."
to which reply:- "As the Company
are liberally supply you with a schoolmaster the least you can do is to find
a suitable school house for him." This
is an instance of what I have stated
before, that the more you give, the
more you will be asked for.

23. On further reference
to the matter of Mr. Williams' tattoo,
I think — Mr. Elder should accept
the sum offered, and shall tell
him so.

24. Since writing about
the Black Swan I have seen Capt.
Dixon, and find him more emphatic
than I am in condemnation of the
fore and aft rig; he makes a good
suggestion as to double topsails, in
which I agree with him, and says
the maintopmast might be longer

25. I have agreed to let Spearmel Leonard & Co. Paiwan for 20 years at £20 per annum, and he is to buy the buildings and plant at a valuation. When this matter is settled I will forward copy of the lease and further particulars.

26. Sugar has again run out in the store. I send you an estimate given me by the Darwin storekeeper of the present rate of consumption of the principal necessaries at that store alone.

27. In applying for new tanks, I omitted to mention that although I have cocks and gratings, flanges must be put inside as usual to hold the latter. The holes for the taps can be bored here.

28. Mr. Waddon will sell rams at £3 each.

29. I fear that all the tallow will not be ready for the

Col Dönitz, in consequence of the delay in starting; probably the Black Hawk will carry what is left. I must go out again as soon as possible, and see after the loading. I send a memo. as to the expected cargo.

30. Although I was desirous of doing without any more plant this year, I can see that a hydraulic press for the skins at Lyons grass is much needed. Still, if the Director objects, I will not press it, and will take the skins once more to be Dammed, notwithstanding the two miles boating, and risk of wetting them. As you know the size of a skin you can best decide with Tyler as to what kind of press to send.

31. Messrs. Clay, Foot and Downes, who have used the tobacco from Davis & Nicar last November say that the quality is weak and poor: it is dusty and broken, and does not make them sick. I give you this opinion for what it is worth.

32. I find that I have written a despatch that might have been condensed had I had time to prepare a draft; but my long visit to the Camp has rendered that impossible, and I trust that you will take it with all faults. If I have not written very fully on Camp matters it is because every thing is going on so smoothly that there is nothing to comment on.

No change in Steamboats.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Alex. Howe.
Colonial Secretary.

Enclosures

Duplicate N° 254
Stanley Cash Book & Vouchers for Mch & April
" Journal for March
" Ledger Balances 31 March
" Wages return "
Camp " " "
Extract from Letter to Humphreys 2 Jan & 22 Feb
Copy Letter to Humphreys 15 May
List of Camp men & families
Letter from Cooper re Casks
Copy to Directors 16th May
Estimate of Stores for Domain
Notes on Stores
Copy Letter to Coleman re Jas Campbell
" " Lyons 14 Feb & 13 March
Quartermaster Ld Koenig
3 Duplicate receipts re passages
Letter to & from Patterson re Bank of Scotland
Eastern Empires acct
Draft on Messrs Price & Co. N° 477 for £ 179. 4. 2
Seven One Pound Scotch Notes 7. 0. 0
Bill of Lading Ellen of Bray
List of Stores required
Shipping report
Langdon to Secretary
Statement on accounts
2nd Do N° 373 for £ 10. 0. 0
Letter for Price & Co
Statement on Ld Koenigs Cargo

Estimated annual consumption of stores at Dawn Station, and in the Camp.

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12 cases - 24 lbs Tea

1 bags Coffee

150 barrels Sugar

12 cases = 48 lbs ground Coffee

6 bags Rice

30 Flitches Bacon

20 " Oatmeal

Stanley

15th May 1877.

Wm Lorn.

Colonial Secretary.

Correction of estimate of
second cargo dated 22nd Feby. 1877
as far as can be told at present

Company	Estimate for Tallow the same but this may be divided over Est Rönig, Black Hawk and Town Year of Bing, delay having occurred in completion of Yard and through the incompetence of the new hands
Estanzia	promises the 1000 hides but fears they may not all be in time
Waldron	reports having 124 Bales Wool ready and 20 to 30 more by Xmas.
Greenshields	has 71 Bales Wool
Bailon Bros	have 57 " " 1/1 cask tallow
Hickney Bro.	" 90 " " 65 hides and 2 casks tallow

Stanley,
15th May, 1877.

Alex. Gow
Colonial Secretary.

15. May 7

I have to request you to make the following payments:-

David Godwin from Thos Goodwin Kilhammet, Langholm, Dumfriesshire.	8	. .
Mr Blake from Holmsted & Blake	62	. .
R. North . A. North	5	. .
Old Basing Basingstoke		
James Thompsett as per order	400	. .
Robt " "	240	. .
Draft @ 30 d/s in favor of F. L. Humphreys	120	. .
" 60 d/s " L'pool River Plate Bk	190	. .

Against above I remit

Draft on Price & Co.	179	4	2
Seven Scotch Notes	7	.	.
Mary Robt Sharp from Thos Sharp Dalswinton, nr Dumfries	20	.	.

Alex. Cobb.
Colonial Manager.

Notes on Shaw.

Arnold. The invoices containing the Mahogany and pearl edge boarding are sent for examination and return. The Islands being charged with the above should now be credited. Brenner. As a Smoke. Subject so much to the golden leaf sent out that I have to get my tobacco through Captain Dyer. You should pay a higher price for really good tobacco. Marples. It was discovered by the Engineer that the cloths were stained somewhere too lightly, on loosening them they went, and are all sold. Yates. I don't think I have disparaged the quality of this firms goods; but I personally complained of the high prices when I was last in London. I have no recollection of recommending them to the Swansea Shipping Co; but I believe they supply ships well. The tea is not too dear.

Sub Inv. There is a caution on the part of the one you mention, perhaps not discoverable after the passage through the tropics. Observe also that it was always wrong. the word Island being put instead of Islands.

The above are notes on your replies & remarks on Govr Sir Wm. Robinson's Minute of May, dated 23rd March. 1877.

Treasury.
15th May, 1877

Actg. Govr.
Colonial Secretary.

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Italian Consulate.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

15th May. 1877.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Excellency's letter N: 931 of 15th October last, to which I regret that I have been unable to reply sooner, through unavoidable circumstances.

While I thank your Excellency for the very flattering expressions used towards me, of which I feel myself exceedingly unworthy, I beg leave to say that if

His Excellency
The Minister of Foreign Affairs,
&c. &c. &c.
Rome.

that, if Your Excellency is content still to avail yourself of my poor services, I am willing to continue them to the best of my ability.

At the same time may I take the opportunity of asking that all communications of importance may be addressed to me, according to Your Excellency's suggestion, in the French language.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Excellency's most obedient

humble servant,

Alex. Ellice.

Consul for St. M.

The King of Italy.

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Belgian Consulate,
Falkland Islands
18th May 1877.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that I have received a communication from the Consul General at Valparaiso, in reference to the wreck of the Belgian ship "Mercator" upon Staten Island.

I deem it to be my duty to inform you that intelligence has been received here from the Straits of Magellan of a cargo having been taken from that vessel by the Oriental schooner "Juenlayer", and that the destination of the last named vessel was supposed to be a port on the River Plate. The cargo is understood to consist principally of candles.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your obedient humble servant

Allen Love.
Belgian Consul

To the
Consul for Belgium,
&c &c &c
Montevideo.

Belgian Consulate,
Stanley Falkland Islands,
1th May, 1877.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 27th March in reference to the wreck of the Mercator on Staten Island.

I have reason to believe that the Chilian schooner to which you allude is the "Tuenlayo", which sailed from these Islands in October last, and has not since been seen here. Of the American vessel I know nothing.

I shall keep the matter before me, and, in the event of the "Tuenlayo" returning to this port, shall place myself in communication with the Colonial Authorities.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your obedient, humble Servant,

Alex. Lafone.
Belgian Consul.

H. Emile Delier,
Belgian Consulate,
Valparaiso.

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Belgian Consulate
Falkland Islands,
15th May. 1877.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that I have received a communication from the Consul General at Valparaiso in reference to the wreck of the Belgian ship "Mercator" upon Staten Island, from which it appears that cargo has been taken by two schooners in the sealing trade.

I have reason to believe that one of the schooners is the "Juantuya" under the Oriental flag, and should that vessel put into this port I shall not fail to put myself in communication at once with the local authorities.

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

His Excellency
The Minister of Foreign Affairs
&. &. &.
Brussels.

Albert Lowe.
Consul.

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Belgian Consulate,
Albany, 17th May,
1877.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward for the information of Your Excellency copy of a letter I have received from the Belgian Consul at Nacpanaire, relative to the loss of the Mercator on Staten Island.

The Master of the Steam Gardiner has informed me that the Oriental schooner Inventeyn was reported at Sandy Point to have taken 1000 cases of candles from the Mercator, and to have sailed for this port or one in the River

His Excellency,
T. T. Callaghan, Esq.
Governor,
&c. &c. &c.

River Plate. This was, however, some months ago, and nothing has been heard of her.

In the event of her arrival here with wrecked property on board, I hope that I may rely upon Your Excellency's co-operation in investigating the matter for the satisfaction of the Belgian Government.

I should mention that information has reached me of a quantity of candles of foreign manufacture having been washed ashore on the South coasts of these Islands; they are to be found, in fact, from near Port Stephens on the West as far eastward as Breaker or Lively Islands.

and it has occurred to me that, unless the current from Staten Island is sufficient to account for the arrival of these goods from such a distance, it is more than probable that the Inventeyo has struck some rock, say Bird Island, on her passage to Stanley, and gone to pieces.

The Inventeyo, although under the Oriental flag, was understood to be owned by Manuel Pereira, a naturalized British subject, and was manned by a crew from Port Stanley.

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

Alex. Goddu.
Belgian Consul.

Belgian Consulate

Stanley 12th June 1871

Sir,

In reference to the letter to Your Excellency dated 9th inst. I have the honour to request that as the 'Secretary' arrived this morning with a quantity of Wreck Goods supposed to belong to the Belgian vessel 'Mercator' that Your Excellency will course and allow the same to be landed and warehoused in the Government Store until I can communicate with Mr. Cobb, also that Your Excellency will course a Constable to be placed on board to watch the said Goods until landed. I have the honour to be,

Sir.

Your Excellency's most

His Excellency obedient humble Servant

J. H. Callaghan Esq

Governor

&c &c &c

J. Langston

for H. E. Cobb

Belgian Consul

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Earl Kröner.

Darwin Harbour,
15th June, 7.

Sir,

I have the pleasure to inform you that this vessel is now loaded and ready for sea, having taken her cargo on board in 32 days.

2. Since writing the enclosed notes on the cargo, the Cairo has discharged Mr Watson's goods from Port Stewart, among which I observe two cases of perfumery, which are private effects.

3. In the ship's account I have charged the advance in Buenos Ayres as £70, which, if not correct, shall be rectified by the mail.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Wm. Goble.
Colonial Treasurer.

Enclosures:
1 Bills of lading
Note on cargo
Earl Kröner's account
Wool weights
Receipts for 3013 Jars Alcohol & Stores &c.

To Colonial Secretary
Brisbane.

Note on Ld Königi cargo.

The Company's Wool is contained in 860 bales, of which those marked 81, 823/855 are from Speedwell Island, and separate upsales should be rendered. All the Company's tallow is branded C, as there is no scribe to mark them as suggested. The Company's bales of sheepskins have no mark. Great care should be taken to ensure the different marks of hides being kept separate, as they differ much in weight; those marked H B are much the largest; Captain Nauck say that his own mate and crew will discharge the ship, and will carefully note the marks. The bales of sheepskins contain 100 each, four marked R G belong to Greenfields. His wool (70 bales) is too late, and will follow per Black Hawk. I have consigned everything to the Company but skins. Woodin and Dickey are anxious to have their hands over to their brother and father respectively, on payment of their accou

I have not communicated to him;
but leave it to the Directors, who
will I hope meet their views.
Mr. Waldron's balance since the
settlement in London is £2539.6.0
without interest, against which
you hold 60 bales Wool per Vear,
and the present hides and wool.
Of the above balance £1500 has
been taken in Store, and as Mr.
Waldron is our most valuable
customer, I suggest that the
Directors might oblige him by
giving up the produce on payment
of the balance, the exact amount
of which I will send from Stanley
per mail, before which time I shall
see Mr. Waldron. Mr. Stuckey Bothers
owe us round number £900 without
interest; I think Mr. Stuckey might
take the wool on payment of £1000;
the hides and tallow they wish
the Co. to sell. The master of the
Fairy says that the mate of the
barque missed tallying two slings

containing two hides each, he is confident that there are 670 on board. Below are the marks: there are four Bills of lading; the Manifest will go from Stanley.

AP	A. Petalengro	JLW / +W	Waldron
PS&C	Smith & Cameron		
RG	Greenshields	B / +JB	Bonner
♣ / +SB	Stirling Bros	HB	Robertson & Blake
♡	Barron Bros	JD	Dattleff

Jean Elsom

Coloonie Lavaggi

Falkland Islands 6th

Darwin Harbour, 15th June, 1877

No 1.
Sea Witch.

10th June.

Sir,

I left Darien on the 5th inst. in the Spanish Brig, in company with the Ld Young, sailing from her outside Obrient Sound. Copy of her despatches and despatch Bills of lading are enclosed.

2. I send by this vessel a spirit level belonging to the Engineer Department, to be returned.

I am, &c.

Your obedient servant

Alex. Gore.

Colonial Secretary.

Enclosures

4 Bills of lading
Dup. Desp. no. 236.
" Note on cargo
Copy letter to Capt. Nanneh.

To Colman, Esq.
Secretary,
Cairncross.

Key to Chart of Falkland Islands

East Falklands

Section	Acres	Name
[illegible] Harriett	6,000	Pache
[illegible] Saugoon	10,000	"
[illegible] Mare Harb.	6,000	"
[illegible] Cove	6,000	"
[illegible] Louis South	6,000	
[illegible] Mora	10,000	F. I. Co
[illegible] Corral	20,000	Felton
[illegible] del Riese [illegible] de Lions	20,655	"
[illegible] Louis North	6,000	J. Robson
[illegible] Grey	10,000	Pache
[illegible] de Warbeck	10,000	"
[illegible] Pleasant	14,000	F. I. Co
[illegible] rader	6,000	Peltaluga
[illegible] San Carlos	6,000	Bonner
[illegible] Cove Reserve	4,960	F. I. Co
[illegible] ming Head	6,000	Peltaluga
[illegible] al Creek	6,000	F. I. Co
[illegible] gh Hill	6,000	"
[illegible] Acre Cove	6,000	"
[illegible] luff Creek	6,000	"
[illegible] d Sussex	6,000	Bonner
[illegible] an Gate N	6,000	F. I. Co
[illegible] chimon Creek	12,000	"
[illegible] ncon Grande	6,000	Peltaluga
[illegible] ston Gate N	10,000	F. I. Co
[illegible] agana Bola	6,000	"
[illegible] Bluff Cove	6,000	"
[illegible] Middle Point N	6,000	Mannesa
[illegible] Fitzroy North	6,000	F. I. Co
[illegible] an Carlos S	6,000	Bonner
[illegible] ape Dolphin	6,000	Peltaluga
[illegible] Limpet Creek	6,000	"
[illegible] Elephant "	6,000	Mannesa
[illegible] Cape Carysfort	6,000	Sharp & Smith
[illegible] Fitzroy West	6,000	F. I. Co
[illegible] Elephant Creek	6,000	Peltaluga
[illegible] & Mannesa	6,000	Pache
Piedra Bola San Carlos N & Settlers Stations	42,000	Greenshields
Rugged & Impassable	26,000	"
[illegible] Simon Settlers Stations	24,000	Felton
[illegible] Rugged & Impassable	16,000	"

West Falklands

No	Station	Acres	Name
1	Mary Branch No.	13,200	Pache
2	Port Purvis	87,000	J. Waldron
3	Adelaide Station	11,000	Not rented as Mate
	Roy Cove "	65,000	Bertrand
	Low Bay	40,000	Pache
5	Charles River	100,000	McClymont
6	Dunnose Head	58,200	Pache
	Mt. Moody & White Rocks	54,000	J. Waldron
7	Albermarle	63,000	Williams
8	West Fox Bay	76,297	Baillon Bro
	Spring Point	60,493	Blakney Bro
9	Port Stephens	127,000	Dean
	Weddel Island	54,000	Williams
12	Saunders Island	20,000	Bonney
13	New Island	10,000	Byass
	Beaver Island	12,000	N. Waldron
	Carcass "	12,000	Jansen
	Pebble "	20,000	Dean
	Keppel "	8,000	Missionaries

West Falklands cont'd

50	Johnsons Harbr.	30,000	Sharp & Smith
51.2	Volunteer Pt		
63	N. of Johnsons Harbr.		
65	"	6,000	J. Robson
	Bodie Peak	37,000	Bonner
	S. Wickham Hts	23,000	F. I. Co
59/62	4 Sections	20,000	Pache
57	Sparrow Cove	6,000	"
58	N. of Mt. Harriett	6,000	"
	Peninsular	6,000	J. Smith
	West Mullet Ck	6,000	Dellisse
	Moody Valley	3,000	Coulson

Stanley 23 June 1871.

Allen Gorse.
Colonial Secretary.

Inventory of Schooner "Black Hawk"

1 Mainmast	1 Main Topmast
1 Foremast	2 Fore Topmasts
1 Topgallant Mast	1 Bowsprit
1 Jibboom	1 Main Boom Crutch Gaff
1 Fore Boom & Gaff	1 Topgallant Yard
2 Topsail Yards	1 Flag Staff
2 Studdingsail Booms	1 Squaresail Boom
1 Martingale	1 Rudder & Steering gear complete
1 Fore Yard	

Sails

2 Mainsails	1 Main Trysail
2 Main Gaff Topsails	1 " Topmast Staysail
2 Foresails	2 Fore Topsails
1 Topgallant Sail	2 Stay Foresails
2 Inner Jib	2 Boom Jibs
1 Lower Studdingsails	1 Topmast Studdingsails
Awning	1 Squaresail

Rigging

Standing rigging & Stays complete excepting Fore Topgallant Backstays Running rigging complete

Ground Tackle

Bow Anchors	2 Sledge Anchors
5 Ins Chain	90 Ins Chain
Windlass with Levers	1 Devils Claw
Strong Backs	2 Normans
Chain Hooks	2 Chain Lockers
Cat Block & Fall	1 Fish Hook

2	Handspikes	1	Cargo Winch with Arms
2	Marlingspikes	1	Cargo Fan
2	Tarpaulins	8	Paint Brushes
2	Skylight Covers	1	Pair Rigging Screws
2	Manrope Stanchions	1	Shoe Block
2	Old Brooms	1	Fan Block
2	Harness Casks	14	Purchase Blocks
1	Side ladder	2	Small Blocks
1	Paint Locker	2	Jackles for Fore & Main Boom
1	Bell	2	Watch Jackles
1	Watercloset	1	Serving Board
1	Harpoon		Ships Pumps complete
3	Scrapers	1	Royal Jack & Pump
3	Life Buoy	2	Sheets for Fore & Main Boom
10	Fms Rattling Line	2	Skeins Marline
2	Running Lines. Manilla	1	Hawser Hemp
1	Padlock & key	1	Riding Light
2	Side Lights Old	1	Mast Head Light
2	Do new		

Boats

1	Long Boat with Chocks	1	Pinnance, Davits & falls
1	Rudder & Tiller	1	Tiller
4	Rowlocks	4	Rowlocks
02	Oars	8	Oars
	Suit of Sails		
	Boat Hooks		
1	Gig, Davits & Davit Falls		
1	Yoke & Rudder		
2	Paddle Oars		
	Boat Hook		

Nautical Instruments

Binnacle complete	1 Barometer
Hill Dale compass	1 Compass error detector
Chronometer	1 Pil Card
Parallel Rulers	1 Telescope
Log Books.	1 Log Book
Log Slate	1 Pat. Log
Deep sea & Hand Lead Lines	4 1/4 Log glasses
Log Reel & Line	1 Fog Horn
Speaking Trumpet	2 pr Signal Halyards
Ensign	1 Register Box
Jack	11 S. American Charts East Coast
Set of Flags	6 English Channel Charts
Burgee old	2 Falkland Island Charts
Mast Flag old	1 North Atlantic Chart E Coast
South Shetland Chart	2 South " W. Coast Africa
S. Pacific Charts W. Coast	4 Straits Magellan & Tierra del Fuego

Tools

Mall	2 Chisels
Grindstone & Trough	2 Shovels Ballast

Cabin

Beds & Bedding Staking on Shore until vessels return to Stanley

Table Cloths	1 Filter
Spittoon	2 Cabin Lamps
Cabin Tables	2 small Do
Cushions	1 Medicine Chest
Water Closet	2 Col° Table Covers
Wash Basins	3 Water Cans
Soap Dishes	3 " Bottles
Chambers	1 Night Stool
Carpets	1 Long Seat

Oil Cloths
Wash Hand Stands
Swinging Tray
Lamp Stools
Table Room Lamps
Dining Room "
Pantry "

5 Looking Glasses
1 pr Blacking Brushes
1 Clock
1 Stove & Pipe
1 Fore Cabin Lamp
1 Ashes " "

Pantry

Wash Tub
Coffee Pot
Cups & Saucers
Large Meat Dishes
Vegetable "
Soup Plates
Meat "
Fish Dish
Cruet Stand
Funnel
Sweeping Brush
Carving Knife Blk
Rolling Pin
Glass Jug
½ Doz Tin Plates
Iron Spoons

2 Tea Pots
1 Bell
1 Soup Tureen
1 Milk Jug
2 Soda Fellers
5 Tumblers
4 Wine Glasses
1 Candlestick
2 Knife Boxes
1 Dustpan
5 Egg cups
1 Paste Board
1 Candle Pen
2 Pudding Basins
½ Doz Knives & Forks

Cooking Department

Stove & Pipe
Saucepans 2 Frying Pans
Baking Tins, 1 Lamp
Cake Tin 1 Saw
Mugs 1 Shovel 1 Rake
Ladle, 1 Axe
Poker

1 Copper, 1 Bucket
3 Kettles & Tins
1 pr Fenders
1 Tin Pot 1 Steamer
1 Coffee Mill 1 Knife
1 Scrubbing Brush
1 Cullender

Stanley Harbr. 27 June 1877.

Inventory of Black Hawk's Estate

8	Table Spoons
11	Desert Spoons
9	Tea Spoons
12	Desert Forks
12	Dinner Forks
1	Soup Ladle
1	Carving Knife & fork
1	Steel
12	Desert Knives
9	Dinner "
1	Mustard spoon

Stanley 27 June 1877.

Falkland Islands Co
Stanley, 20th June
1877

To the Directors of
The Falkland Islands Co
London.

Gentlemen,

I have the pleasure to forward my report upon the Company's affairs for the year 1876.

The Farm.

In my last report I alluded to the boiling down operations at Goose Green. Not being satisfied with the return of tallow per head, I have made different arrangements, by which I believe the yield will be considerably more. Hitherto the old and coarse ewes have been draped out and sent at once to

the work; but experience now
shows that a year's rest after
breeding is required to bring
them into condition, and I
am trying the experiment of
placing 1000 on another island
by themselves, which if successful must add largely to the
returns, as those lately boiled
down have barely realized 5lb.
of tallow per head. I hope
with care and judgment to
raise the future returns to 20lb.
all round.

The lambing this
year has been under the mark,
owing to various causes; among
others, the poverty of the ewes,
and bad weather at lambing
time. To ensure a better return
next season I have given the
rams a long run on Seal Rock
Island, which has materially
improved their condition.

The practice of dipping at shearing time has been abolished, and promises to work well.

The radical change in the management of the Farm, by its subdivision into two districts under separate supervision has taken place so lately, that I forbear from giving my opinion, at present, as to how it will work. I need hardly say that anything I can do to smooth over difficulties will be done with pleasure.

The Store.

The sales in 1876 amounted to £14101. 7. 6 against £14010. 13. 11 in 1875. Many of the necessaries of life have been in short supply this year or the amount would have been larger. I believe that the business is now in a more satisfactory condition than it has been for some time, and I am satisfied

as to the acciduity and
ability of the Storekeeper, and
his young assistant. The
great falling off in shipping
during the past few years is,
of course, prejudicial to the
business, as there is a vast
amount of dead stock in the
shape of oak, canvas, rope, and
ships' stores; these will, however,
gradually be worked off.

Butchery Sales.

These are now
steadily falling off, owing to
increased competition, and the
amount has only reached £1236.17.3.
The price of meat, 3d. per lb.,
is still kept up: but it must
fall, or the business will leave
us. In the course of a
year or so the boiling down value
of sheep will be accurately
ascertained, and that, plus the
labour and other incidental

expences, must contrary to the standard price of meat.

Shipping business.

Up to May 13th no strange merchant vessel arrived at this port; the arrivals were more numerous in the latter half of the year, but, altogether, only seven put in for repairs of any extent, three of which were in the Company's hands. Sixteen strange merchant vessels in all arrived from first to last, of which ten were consigned to Deanstons, eight of them, being loaded with guano, having no option. It will at once be apparent that, if this state of things should continue, remittances will have to be made entirely in produce.

Company's vessels.

The Black Hawk's copper being worn out, and her speed consequently reduced, she has to return to England for an overhaul, when

an opportunity will shortly be taken to improve her passenger fittings. The Fairy has been partially refitted, and will yet be a useful vessel. Of the remainder of the fleet I have nothing special to report; all are kept up in excellent order with a due regard for economy, efficiency, and the credit of the Company, showing an example that might be followed with advantage by most of the Colonial craft, the majority of which are in a deplorable condition.

I must apologise for the lateness of this report, caused by my frequent long absences from Stanley since the beginning of the year.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,

Alex. Goodall.
Colonial Manager.

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Sparrow Hawk.

Sir, 2nd July. /.

I Sea Witch sailed on the 26th ult. with my last despatch. and I have now to reply to your despatch no. 572 received on the 21st ult. per Black Hawk.

2. 572. - 3. The dipping materials are already ordered. I said nothing of time and surplus: but hearing from Mr. Cameron that he has had great success with it I send his receipt, and should like to try it again, if you have any means of forwarding quick time. Some time ago, by the Macedon I think, Mr Baillon received a portable boiler, about 40 gals. I think, sent by his friends. I don't know the maker's name, but you could not do better than ascertain it, and send out half a dozen.

I. Coleman, Esq.
Secretary
London

[illegible] Par 4 [illegible] has been
[illegible] that the pres-
ent has [illegible] part for
some has been so long as to
preclude the possibility of their
being of a high class.

4. Par. 5. No tent and
bed will [illegible] sent out for me.
but I remember getting them
for the Expedition of the Gambier.
As there is scarcely a spot in
Lafonia two hours ride from a
house, Mr Clay will not need
a tent. As regards my horse,
from the time of his arrival
I have made Mr Clay my guest

[redacted]

5. Par. 9. I shall
do my best to raise the funds
between Monday and Wednes-
day. 6. Par. 10. I have
distinctly declined to advance
any money to Mr Williams,
who's estimate of the value

[illegible] Sept. [illegible] Dear Sir I received your
very correspondence, and may have
to observe to the subject before stating
this despatch. Today. We enclose
the figures in what it will fetch in
the market.

6 Dec. 13. The Ship
Montezuma has arrived [illegible]
and a portion of the cargo will be
forwarded. I was offered to
charter the Vessel for any of the
Captains can but he [illegible]
but no answer has been sent to
us yet. The money in this port
was raised by an Act, the Vessel
actually required for expediting
the vessel. In what that the Gen.
like the Act, which was
based on the 1st and last days
after.

I Dec. 14 The Vessel
made no progress to me, and I
only see him that I would give
him all the information and receipt.
and in my power, passing two
Weeks [illegible] him in the grave
from [illegible]

Bishop The Bishop complained
to me about Mr. Singi's signature to
the memorial, and replied as
follows: "With regard to Mr.
"Singi's signature, while I regret
"that he should have mixed
"himself up in what I have always
"considered to be an unjustifiable attack
"upon Mr. Lowry, I observe with
"satisfaction that he did not sign
"as storekeeper to the Company.
"With his action as a private
"individual in a matter of this
"kind I do not think I could
"justly interfere, however much
"I might disapprove."

9. Jan. 17 I have
decided today to explain the
circumstances under which Mr.
Singi case was broken open.

10. Jan. 18. While I do
not wish to press the Directors
or appear unreasonable, I will
place before them a few facts.
In my present house we have
one sitting room, as dining,
drawing room and all. The

the living room is converted into a nursery which has to be large enough for my three children. There is one large bedroom, so damp that a fire has to be constantly kept in it. Beside this there is a bedroom on the ground floor 11ft. 6 x 10ft, height 7ft. 6, and two little dark and draughty upstairs rooms 11ft x 9ft and 10ft. square respectively, the last two 6ft. high in the walls. The billiard room, damp in the walls, confines the house. In it are living at present, my wife and self, my sister in law, three children, three servants and the cook, four, a boy of five, 10 souls in all. The servants, such as she is provided, has to be allowed to go, for want of room. There is not one item of exaggeration in this statement; counsel Board the Directors. I may also mention that the Surgeon has complained of the condition of his house, to which I shall have to attend as soon as possible. If you will examine the Card Ballast on board the SS Flower of

you will see if this suitable for building. Look also at the stone on board her from the quarry at Darwin, Examine it might take the place of bricks.

11. Par. 20. According to your agreement with Mr Sothe Baldwin I have promised that you will give him hand over the premises for Mr Young on payment of Mr James Watson's balance, or for inclosed agreement. Mr Baldwin told me this morning that he would have made independent arrangements for carrying on his business, had the Company proceeded in demanding his premises.

12. Par. 21. That portion only of Mr Baldwin's Plan, left, the remaining wing to be completed for Mr Young.

13. Par. 22. The proper relation to the rates shall have my careful attention as soon as the wall has left. I believe that

Mr Travis will be the Commissioner

Mr Nov. 29. Yesterday
changed me 5 cts per
pair for my cream first class
was neither inspected nor called for.
Mr Wood is a damn Yankee
He is already engaged to be married.

15. Have note particularly
that Bulls St 32/3 contain wood
from the cross between Mexe.
Railroad Chief and the Cowhage.

16. With respect to Capt
Dixon, I consider I am unable to
re-engage him. He sails the Black
Hawk remarkably well, and if he
could only be induced to economise
a little more I should have little
objection to him. His temper is
hasty, and he is so deaf that I am
obliged to communicate with him
almost entirely in writing. But
on the whole, his virtues outbalance
his faults. I have found him
a honest, & the Admiral pick. at
an expense of £20 a year, having
a home on board the schooner, and
changing his wife every other voyage.

Treasury think this expence unnecessary, and the amount of money he has saved in two years shows how large his perquisites in other directions are.

17. The Governor has asked me to say that he thinks the Government may be relied upon for £100 per annum towards the Darwin Surgeon's by paying Dr. Wells a retiring pension of £125, half the present salary would thus be saved. The Doctor would have become to Stanley if called upon; this however would only be in a case of great emergency. Mr. Donaghan and I agree that he should be a Scotchman, married, and of some little experience. His Engagement should be for 3 or 5 years. I have raised the question at Darwin since I last wrote, and the subscription list raised £100 per annum; a copy shall be forwarded

18. Jean Mr Gorman I hear a most wonderful story. Mr. James and skinner, bought the Goose green skins last Year of Bray. 1876. He got all the wool off, amounting to 1/4 per skin, and sold it at 1/. per lb. to Reid & Taylor or Scott, manufacturers, Langholm, and cleared £1000 by the transaction. If, says Mr. Gorman the manufacturers of Langholm Hawick, and other places, knew that there was Cheviot wool offered at the Colonial sales, they would make a rush for it, and we should get 1/6d to 2/. per lb. Is not this worth looking into?

19. The Black Hawk is now preparing to load, and I hope may sail by the 10th inst. I am removing all the inside fittings, and replacing the old galley on deck. I have ready for shipment 183 casks of Tallow, 72 bales wool 72 bales sheepskins from Greenshields, and about 200 hides: no doubt some of the tallow will be shut out. The passengers will be James Brown & family, and W. Stutton and J. Hinds.

to. "My friend King is
confidential in his corps. Mr Clay
writes me on 9th inst. "John King
"got very drunk here last Sunday
"night, & came up here to see me, &
"I had him in to try and get what
"I could out of him. He said he had
"spies all over the place, and seen in
"your very household, he said gold
"would find out anything", &
"whether he pays his spies or not. I
"can't say." This is pleasant
Mr. Clay reports his
business. I shall be glad when
Comstock is back, and when Mr.
Clay and I have been able to
select a second sober trustworthy
sub overseer for Lafonia. At
present Mr. Clay's attention has
necessarily been devoted to the
Back District almost
exclusively, a small section only of
the land under his charge; the
camp he has to range over is so
large in extent that his position
is naturally one of general not
particular superintendence.

23. to the 16th. From the 24th April 10 days. Came down at Noon only the Spencer Navk in the middle of being stopped four days at Port Howard while Mr Wadamoi produce was being shipped, and then returned to Darwin. Went across for the purpose of conferring with Mr Wadamoi about the purchase of the Williams estate. On my return to Darwin I found the work was being carried on so slowly that the Ld Hanig had hardly begun to load. I therefore decided to remain and attend to her, and succeeded in despatching her 3 days before her time.

27. When at Darwin I had occasion to order a couple of men to herd some sheep that were waiting to be boiled down, and to my astonishment they at first refused to attend to me, alleging that Mr Clay was their master. I very promptly put upon this, and put up the enclosed notice. It will take some time to settle

a number of small disputes and inconveniences consequent on the change of system, and whether the Camp, as a whole, will ever work satisfactorily, without some permanent head resident at Dawson, is yet an open question.

3rd On boiling down this year has nearly distracted me. Having got out the difficulties mentioned last mail I thought all would be smooth for the future. Suddenly on the 19th May the Engineer discovered that he had miscalculated his consumption and would soon run out of coal. This news reached Stanley on the 21st and on the 22nd the work stopped. Latour despatched the Grace Annie from Dawson to Stanley, but she had three days' calms and arrived only on the night of the 26th. Loading and leaving Stanley mid day on the 30th, and encountering gale

and came alongside the made a passage of 12 days to Darwin. a thing that happens about once in two years. In the meantime this had arrived at Darwin the Lion Creek wethers (about 2300) on the 21st May, and the North Arm wethers on the 30th May, in all about 4500 sheep in fine condition. But by the 12th June when the works began again the Lion Creek wethers had fallen off so desperately in condition that I decided to respite them for another year. The North Arm sheep were killed, and though fallen off yielded a good lot of tallow. This finished the Company's work, but the Dean was to deliver 3 cargoes from Goode Island. Only one arrived on the 21st June, and as the works had to close on the 30th, and the Captain of the Orizaba thought the weather too bad to land them, about 300 remain unkilled. As a minor trouble the men from Montevideo all threatened to strike for higher wages after the Inspection

of 3 months from the date of their engagement; but that soon settled. Summing up the season from the beginning:- the men from Montevideo were unqualified for the work, the casks were bad, the shed blew down, the old ewes gave no fat, the coal ran short, the sheep were starved, the men grumbled and threatened to strike throughout, and two promised cargoes of sheep were short delivered. Every conceivable misfortune almost has happened, and this season's bitter experience has prepared us for the next. Under the circumstances we have not done badly in producing 30/ casks of tallow.

25. How to get men enough to shear, dip and boil down simultaneously, or, rather, to begin the latter on the 1st Feby. before shearing is over, is a problem that requires solving. - I suppose it occurs in no other country. To keep

the men on the establishment all the year round would be minors.

2do. Referring to par. 6 I am now able to report an interview Mr Dean & I have had with Mr. Williams. The latters' liabilities are as follows. — Secured £5000 with int. at 6 per Ct. subject to reduction by value of 44,000 lbs. wool in Leadville, Grant sons £2000, Company £1100, sundry debts £500. Mr. Dean & I have both refused him advances, and he is at a standstill. His assets I have estimated: opinions differ as to the value of ewes, there in the difference between the buyer's & seller's view; looking at an estate as a buyer I should not like to offer more than 10/ a head all round, and the wethers are worth boiling down price. 5/.; the Director can substitute for these what values they consider fair. Mr Watson offers £10,000 for the property. Pressing Mr. Williams, he declared that if forced into the Bankruptcy Court he will petition for time, and against a forced

sale in a place where there is
no competition. Recognizing
the fact that the wages due
must take precedence and that
Bankruptcy would involve
delay. Mr. Dean & I resolved to
allow him to draw £600 on the Elder
his next ship, upon conditions
named in the enclosed letter.
Upon reading my letter to Mr
Williams of 26th ult. the Directors
can judge of the whole affair; Mr.
Williams says his wool next year
will be 74,000 lbs. "cannot be
less". Your letter to him was most
unfortunate: instead of refusing
business which my instructions
do not permit me to take up, you
to decide
with him that it is left to me;
so that he now says the Directors
virtually agreed to help him. but
their intention has been defeated
by my animosity towards him
I can only compare his belief in
the vitality of his business with
the strange hopefulness so characteristic
of consumptive people.

27. This despatch contains a variety of information asked for: Mr Bailey has kindly attended to the plan of Stanley. I am sorry that at the last moment I am unable to fill up the stations returns not having complete information yet. I know all about the ships at each place, but am uncertain about the wives and children.

28. The Inuntaya has arrived with a cargo ex Mercator wrecked on Staten Island, which I am claiming as Belgian property. The Felix sails with hides belonging to Llanos was blown away from Volunteer point and somehow got down to the Straits of Lemaire, where the starving crew were supplied with provisions by an American vessel. One woman jumped overboard and was lost.

29. By the Governor four years ago Lapthorne sent a suit of sails for the Perseverance; these being worn out please send new ones by mail.

30. As I shall have been five years away from England next

May I hope that the Directors will not think it premature my mentioning that I should like, with their sanction, to make arrangements for visiting England next year.

Steam Coals as before.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Alex. Love.

Colonial Manager.

Enclosures.

Dupl. Despt. Nos 235 & 237.
Trip " " 234 & 236.
Notice to Shepherds & Others
Dupl. Cobb to Coleman
Stanley Cash Book & Voucher for May
" Journal April & May.
List of Jurors & Magistrates
Copy of Letter Stichney to Cobb 2 Apl.
" " Cobb " Stichney 19 May
" " " Mr. Pherson re Doctor
Key of Chart
Plan of Stanley
4 Bills of Lading Ld Koenig
Camp Wages return 31 March

Col. Managers Report 1874.
Valuation of C.A. Williams Estate
Letters to C.A. Williams 22, 26 30th June
Landing Certificate
List of Greenshields Wool
" " Camerons "
Allday to Coleman
Shipping Report
Black Hawks returns 4th voyage 1874
Lime & Sulphur Disp used by Cameron
List of Seeds require by mail
C.P. Clays Report
2nd of Lock No. 477 for £179.4.2
Statement on Accounts
Langdon to Coleman
J.L. Valdron's account current 30 June
Letter to A.L. Ider
Sch. Lr No. 478 £117.0.0

2 July 7

The coins for Vicar of Bray were sent for two reasons 1st to clear the safe of foreign coins which caused considerable confusion and were objected to by our Camp people 2nd to ascertain the correct values so as to reduce what necessary when received in the Store

Please pay the Forty five Pounds 7/- of Draft to W. Blake Esq

Pay Mrs Costin from W. Costin 5 . .
Hog High St. Dumfries

I have drawn in favour of the London & River Plate Bank 91 . .

Please pay to H. V. Cobb my commission on the Dividend in addition to the £150 in August Next being a balance in my favour on this side

I send you draft on A. Ulster @ 30 d/s 117 . .

Adm. Lowe
Colonial Treasurer.

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Belgian Consulate.
Stanley. Falkland Islands.
2nd July. 1877.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Oriental schooner "Tuentuyo" has delivered at this port a quantity of goods recovered from the wreck of the Belgian ship Mercator on Staten Island.

In consequence of representations made by myself as to this cargo the Government, through the Receiver of Wrecks, has taken possession of it, and I propose at an early date to establish my claim to it as Belgian property.

I am communicating

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

on this subject with the
Consuls at Montevideo and
Valparaiso, and with Mr.
J. C. Engelo of Antwerp.
owner of the Mercator.

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

Alex. Goss.
Belgian Consul.

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Belgian Consulate
Stanley Falls and Lualaba.
2nd July. 1877.

Sir.

In conformity with Your Excellency's circular despatch N° 16448 - 3 of 10th January 1877: I have the honour to return the forms alluded to therein, duly filled up.

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

Alex. Delcommune.

His Excellency
The Minister of Foreign Affairs,
&. &. &.
Brussels.

Belgian Consulate.
Stanley, 2nd July, 1877.

Sir,

In reference to the wreck of the "Mercator" upon Staten Island, I have the honour to inform you that, by the Oriental schooner "Tientsin", now here with cargo saved from the wreck, I have learnt that the United States schooner "Mary Tilton", Captain Nord, has taken away a quantity of cargo from the "Mercator", and is supposed to have gone to the River Plate. The "Mary Tilton's" cargo is understood to consist principally of candles. I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

The Consul
for Belgium.
&c & c.
Montevideo

Jules Cobo.
Belgian Consul.

Belgian Consulate,
Stanley, 2nd July. 1877.

Sir,

In reference to the wreck of the Mercator I have the honour to inform you that a quantity of goods from that vessel have been delivered here by the schooner Inenkuys, and that I propose at an early date to establish my claims to them as Belgian property.

Principally consisting of candles, for which there is a most limited market here I venture to suggest that the consignee should allow me to arrange salvage with the owner of the Inenkuys, and ship them to a port where there would be a

The Consul-General for Belgium.

L. L. L.

Valparaiso.

better market than here.
The whole of the goods, I should mention, have been under water.

I enclose a list of the property saved.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
Alex. Love.
Belgian Consul.

List of Wrecked goods per Mercator

Marks

EE. TF. IIM
" " "
IIM. V.
" "

23/19 Boxes Small Candles

Illegible 23 " Large "

C F 4 " Wall paper

F J V
V V 22 " Glasses & Mirrors

S r C 13 " Chairs

Mercator
SC P 56 11 " Soap

15 Rolls Zinc

1/2 Tins Copal Varnish

40 Reams Stationery

1 Cask Jar

1 " Tobacco

20 doz & 2 Chairs (loose)

33 Skins for covering carriages

33 Pieces Sail & Ropes

1 Barrel Tallow

111 Cabin Doors

4 Large Blocks

174 Pieces Deck plank

Composition Bolts

Life Buoy "Mercator, Antwerp"

Stores pkg T C E & C

Jean Yoos.
Belgian Consul

Stanley,
2nd July, 1877

Valuation of Williams's Property

2	Wool Sheds	£100 . .
4	Houses	480 . .
3	"	150 . .
	Pens fencing &c	100 . .
50	Horses	600 . .
9721	Ewes @ 1/-	486 10 .
7901	Wethers 1/-	1975 5 .
3	Boats @ £20	60 . .
	Wool Press	25 . .
	Bagging &c	20 . .
		£4070 15 .
	Goodwill of Land	2000 . .
		£ 10,070 15 .
	Estimated value of wool 450000lbs	2000 . .
		£ 12,070 15 .

Liabilities

Elder	£2,600 . .
Company	1,150 . .
Dean	2,000 . .
Wages due Foundry debts	600 . .
	£ 12,050 . .

The Sheep are I believe over estimated in number, and the goodwill of the land is put at an outside value.

Stanley 22 June 1877.

Alex. Ross
Colonial Treasurer.