Black Starch.

2nd Oct. 6.

Sir

I received by the Black Starch on the 18th ult. your despatches 303-4, the former in duplicate.

2. 303-1. I am informed that ex parte affidavits are not evidence in a cause, and that a commission must be appointed. The statements made by me can be confirmed when required, and Messrs. Clay Hodgson could give evidence damaging to Lyttleton's case.

3. 303-3. The cost of the insurance for Macedon should have been deducted considering that the danger of working a large ship in narrow waters was avoided, and that the heavy cargo, tallow and hides, would saved a double journey.

4. 303-2. I have put out of the seller's profit in case it for Mr. reducing the freight to Mr. Lucas considerably.

5. 304-6. I shall look on the return the Lincolnshire-dressed sheep give good wool with interest, I am that it makes the most dirt and shrinks their hands, as well as Lyttleton's you see McDougall pooh-poohs it, who shall decide when so many doctors disagree?

T. Coleman, Esq.
Secretary.
London.

the only plan will be to send you the exact weights of each flask.

6. Par. 10. As soon as I can find labour & materials I shall put up another dipping station in Lapanna. I do not think Sambuchi dues pay much value.

7. Par. 11. My calculation as to the freight per mail refers to the cost of transit only, and as it was ordered to be shipped by the hound cat early, and not with a view to the alteration in the market, which might have been matters of future, the latter I have taken into account. By your own figures, including the expenses at Montevideo, which were not exceptionally heavy, but Humphrey's regular charge, viz:- 2/6 per ton, the sales expenditure was £120. 10. 6, equal to borrowing money for 113 days at 36% per annum. I hope the Directors do not object to my pointing out matters in which it appears to me that saving may be effected.

8. Par. 12. Captain Newman arrived by mail with a diver from Montevideo, who discovered by sixteen divers that the false keel only was broken; when I say discovered I do not mean at the discovery which is a good one, but at the false position

the first diver has placed us in by far, I questioned him closely as to the possibility of his mistaking the false for the main keel, but he stoutly maintained his report. Owen to clear the Albany, as a vessel with a broken keel could not possibly leave the harbour. The first diver has been down again, acknowledged his error, and the ship is to go home in ballast; as an act of grace. I thought it necessary to waive the Company's charge for the use of the diving dress. Capt. Owen goes home [illegible] being very ill, and the mate takes charge, Capt. Newman puts go in her. I have advanced Capt. Owen £100 for travelling expenses of his servant and self; I presume him to take two, but the fear running short. I draw a bill for expenses up to date, and authorize the mate to settle the accounts finally, in consideration of this bill being drawn in anticipation of the settlement. I have thought it better to make it 60 d/s. Your telegram of 26th Sept. was communicated to him at 10 p.m. on the 28th September; Protet and survey are already forwarded; there is no person here competent to make a reliable estimate for repairs, more especially when a vessel has grounded, for, without a dock or slip, the expense and even possibility of hearing her down are most uncertain.

9. With reference to communications the Engine has been worked in discharging the Spring with great and unexpected severity, any addition will therefore be unnecessary. I hope that this will be in time, or first that the little deck which will have been clean.

10. The Class is 32 feet long by 10.3 beam; could she be lengthened to 45 or 50 feet and made strong enough to carry an engine of 15 to 20 h. p., and to contain the boilers, would you supply the necessary timbers ready to put up, according to her angle, and at what expence? See your despatch 408-9.

11. The Lovely Bramer has returned to Key diamonds, and with only 60 sheep after only 350, the Captain has gone to Barry Point in the Sparrow Hawk to see Simmons, and has not yet returned. The accident happened half way across the Straits. She arrived under jurymast and was towed in by the Petrel.

12. The Director instructions are to curtailing Police accounts are being gradually carried out; I have dropped Williams and Simmons's accounts, and have taken an action and against Greenshields, which violation of a distinct promise has

been selling short right and left, and
is actually supplying the Stanley market
in opposition to the Co: She enclosed papers
will show what Messrs Stevens and Williams, and Spiers &
bill by advice of the latter firm, and proceeds
a petition. Mr Carnaghan refers the
taken and advises me not to proceed with
the former, to look out an action for
money due. I shall, as you will
remember, that was at Second Board when
his agreement lapsed in 1872, was down to
him in preference to taking their average
on each year payments he was in 5-
years, so I cannot sue for them until
next May; he has behaved like a scoundrel,
considering that he owes the Company his
position here, and I shall press him as
hard as possible. His property is worth
about double the Company's claim.

13. The carpenters strike continues
and I see no prospect of getting any work
done by any but our own permanent
employés. I therefore propose that you
find out another, who will render me
independent of all outside labour. In
comparison with ten years ago we have
now double or more work and hence
to keep in repair, having new work and
of the question, so that there constant
necessary work for three carpenters throughout
the year. You might thus a lower price,

but the most useful would be a ship joiner like Carson, minus his drunkenness and loose conversation. The carpenters want 12/6 a day, and say they can do little at home if the wages are less than that; they also say that healthy men are not to be had from England for love. I suggest £9 to £10 a month with a house, and that you send no one who is consumptive or subject to rheumatism or lumbago.

14. Telling advantage of the absence of my clerk I have pulled down the crazy wooden building in which his office was (12ft x 7ft) and one dwelling is built on the site two rooms, of which I shall use the smaller one myself; this will enable me to devote myself more closely to any work I may be doing, so I shall be saved the constant and annoying interruptions to which the position of my present office has always exposed me.

15. Inspector has decided against the sheep slaughter house, and I have had to apply for a piece of land below the cemetery, which I shall buy at auction on the 16th inst.

16. Send a general indent

complied with save [illegible] for a month
there have been no less as cargoes in the
settlement and coppers is nearly exhausted
I send this voyage by [illegible] for flour
&c. &c.
I am obedient servant
[illegible]
Colonial Secretary

Steam Coals as before.

Enclosures
Duplicates:—
Wages at Fairlands
Vessels " "
2 Statements as per.
Desp. 222
Copy cash book July Aug
" Journal " "
Unseaworthy Ships' ordinance
Administration of Justice Do
2 Statements as per.
Mail service table 1877
Crown Sale Catalogue returned
Certificate of Audit
Albany's passage certificate
Letter to Grenfells 17. 19 Aug. 1 Sept.
" from " 27 Sept.
Albany's account
Report to Governor on cattle killing
Bill of Complaint & Petition against Grenfells
Grenfells' account
2 letters to Crown 8 Sept.
2 Emigration certificates
General Indent
1st Co. 452 £500
" 453 " 26. 17. 6
" 454 " 796. 4. 7
Shipping report
Customs Brevis certified accounts
Letter to Chalmers

2nd Dest. 6

Transmit the following bills:—

1st Ex.	452	Williams on Eder	500	" "
"	453	Black on Taylor	26	17 6
"	454	Amer on Shannon	796	4 7
			1323	2 1

and have drawn (455) favg. J. W.S. Bank @ 60 d/s 210 " "

W. Russell remits to you 20 " "

D. Rodgers has an order on you for 35 " "

Please forward to Sales Shed, Majoribanks. Edmonton 5 " "
from Jas Shed

and 4 Barnes McAvoy, Shannon, Wigtonshire 10 " "
from Peter McAvoy

Please use him to commence the
Back London & Edmonton

Jno Eden.
Colonial Treasurer.

23rd Oct. 6

Replies to and remarks on London statements 31/7.

Produce and Store Books entries. These have been made as directed.

London Office Cash account. On referring to the original instructions, I find that no mention was made of the rule that entries are not to be transferred from this account until corresponding entries are made in London; I understood the Auditors' remarks to apply to your books only. The instructions now given shall be carried out in future.

Russell's payment of freight. I find that this was inadvertently credited to Black Hawk's Working account; the transfer of £11.5. will be found in the October Journal

Rectified. This will be found rectified in the Journal for September.

In Statement 36 appears an amount £13.17.6 to the credit of the Black Hawk, but it is not stated what it is for.

Sparrow Hawk. By an oversight which has hitherto escaped notice you have never charged Island Administration with the cost of this vessel. I should have mentioned it when I sent home the accounts for 1875/6, but it escaped my memory. The last mention of this matter was in London despatch 1876 – 11 of 8th February, 76

Mr Smith's passage. Remitted to Humphreys a draft on the Directors for £192.18.4, the exact price of tickets for himself & family & Capt. & Mrs Lewis according to the Royal Mail tariff, but, missing the Sagua, they were sent per Sorata at a cost of £117.18.4, – what shall I do with the balance? To adjust Humphreys' account & have passed £75 to Cr of "Passengers per Sorata", shall I transfer it to P.W.D. or will you divide it between the Government, Mr Smith, and Capt. Lewis according to the proportions in which they paid me?

Leo Lloyd.
Colonial Treasurer.

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Analysis of State Taxes, 1795 & 6.

	11 Farmers	8 Publicans	11 Ships	2 Carriages	19 Servants	Indemnification Government	Sale &c.	Total
Totals	4133 - 6	1703 10 11	1417 9 11	638 - 9	1918 18 10	65 16 10	217 11 2	2425 19 -	11437 15 11
Average	493 15 2	212 19 10	128 17 3	319 - 4	9 11 6			

For details see Journals Chiefly.

Wm. Hood.
Columbia Treasurer

Details of Store Sales, July 1795 to June 1796

11 Farmers

Dallon Bros			233 10 3
A. Dallon	Own a/c.	130. 12. 2	
	Speedwell A/c	180. 8 11	319 1 1
J. Banner			378 8 5
H. G. Cobb			207 19 4.
R. Greenfields			437 5 11
Molineaux & Blake			828 1 3
N. Stalings			821 7 8
Smith & Cameron			46 16. 8
Stickney Bros			267 9 .
J. L. Waldron			1259 11 6
C. H. Williams			603 11 5
			£ 5433 . 6

8 Publicans

R. Boyer	Stanley Arms	115 5 1
W. Clarton	Prince of Wales'	168 18 9
Mrs. Doolan	Shamrock	382 18 .
H. Felton	Queen's	55 6 5
J. Laurent	Albion	102 17 5
J. McLauchlan	Royal Navy	159 18 6
T. Williams	Rose	200 10 .
C. Williams	Globe	158 4 9
		£ 1703 18 11

2 Company's vessels.

Black Hawk	Provisioning	382. 6. 1	
	Men	30. 17. 7	613 1 8
Spaniard Hawk	Provisioning	164. 18. 5	
	Men	58. . .	222 19 1
			£ 836 . 9

11 Ships.

Doulab	£ 1 19 7
Challenger	388 10
Frederica	30 5 0
Indipendenza	6 12 0
Macedon	24 16 2
Maggie Elliot	212 10 7
Penaeola	305 18 6
Vernon	13 10 5
Vicar of Bray	4 14 1
Volage	104 6 5
Zebu	1 15 0
	£ 1417 9 11

Stanley,
28th October, 1876.

Lieut. Governor.
Colonial Treasurer.

Yacht Egeria.

Cost in August, 1873 £ 800 " "

Estimated Expense of clearing her up and fitting her as a Yacht, caulking decks & sundry repairs 200 " "

£ 1000 " "

Earnings in 3 years as follows:-

Finto		£ 72 " "
Alpha		172 10 "
Levant		110 " "
Eugenie		62 " "
Martha		72 " "
Independenza		177 " "
Bendab		52 " "
Jonathan Ayres		283 10 "
	Nett	£ 1020 " "

Stanley, 27th October, 1876.

Alex. Forbes.
Colonial Manager.

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Sea Witch

28th October. 6.

Sir,

I received by this vessel on the 3rd inst. your despatch 503, she is now leaving in ballast for London.

2. Referring to my despatch 224 – 15 I bought an acre of land below the Cemetery for £100. and shall build a slaughter house, as soon as I can get materials and labour; the Carpenters continue to hold out.

3. Upon my case against Greenshields coming before the Governor, he strongly urged a compromise, and I dictated an Engagement to be signed by the former, a copy of which I enclose. I have now shut out all opposition on this island, but my energetic opponent Smith has understand, written for settlers from the West Falklands, and I fear that to command the market I must soon reduce mutton permanently to 2½d. At this price it will pay farmers

To Colonial Secretary
London

letter to hail down

1. John Scott, one of the Company's shepherds died yesterday of consumption.

5. Jamieson, a late arrival, was in Stanley a fortnight ago, and he came to my office with the following remarked for statement;— that he had seen a good number of the Company's sheep between Fitzroy (where he is shepherding) and Darwin, and considered them a very fine class, that he has seen very little scab among them, that his own dogs are as fine a lot as a man could wish to have, that he had heard that he had been written home about the sheep, and therefore thought it only right to let me know his opinion as a Stock dealer on the subject. Hales said, in reply to me, that he had received many kindness and attention from the Overseer. Here you have the case of a man for whom a vacancy as a shepherd was open at once. He was followed into the

office by Solomon one of the malcontents in the stone quarry, who has been shepherding at Kitgoxy for some time. Lees asked me to send a shepherd in his place and let him return to the pickets and barrows at Darwin, and when I jokingly reminded him of the part he had taken in the strike, he said that he did not then know what he was call off.

6. I have had to do some repairs to my house in consequence of the Directors' decision not to build this year. among others I have replaced with a new one a window upstairs, through which rain used to come, and, passing through the floor and ceiling, form a pond outside my drawing room door. I forward a portion of this window for the inspection of the Directors, and am informed by the foreman carpenter that the whole framework of the house is in the same condition.

7. Enclosed is a statement showing that the Agents has more than paid for himself in three years.

8. I have made an analysis of the Store sales 1875/6 which the Directors will find instructive. They will see that owing to the decline of shipping

business and the cessation of
boiling, clean farmers buy more than
one third of the total quantity of
goods sold in the year, and consequently
if they are alienated, the little retail
business of the store will hardly pay
expenses. On the other hand I have
pointed out that all these farmers are
yearly becoming possessed of realizable
and increasing assets in the form of
vessels for boiling down, which they are
already proposing to send in thousands
of gross gross; and that if they are now
thrown back by the low price of wool
coupled with their outlay in starting,
they must soon, with the assistance
of their wool and tallow be able to
pull up lost ground, and become a
lasting and lucrative support to the
Company.

9. The Southern Cross is
fitting out and should sail in a
month's time; there has been a Govt.
vessel enquiring into the casualty. I
find Capt. Owen says that he was advised
by me to take the course he did.
It was nothing of the sort; in my
double position as Agent for Lloyd's

and for the ship I had to be careful, and therefore considered that I went as far as I could in suggesting to Capt. Owen ~~whether~~ in the face of the telegram advising the abandonment, he was justified in continuing Expenses on the ship for a day longer. He chose to send the ship home and I considered that I had said as much as I could. The case is a most curious and complicated one. for it appears certain that much of the damage to cargo was caused by the rotten and defective state of the ship and her decks. for which the Underwriters are ~~un~~responsible.

No change in Steam Coals.

I am Sir,
Your obedient servant

Alex Ford.
Colonial Treasurer.

Enclosures
Dft. desp. 223/44
" Statement acct.
" Customs Certs "
2 Cos. 952 £500
" 28.7.6
" 796.4.7
Coal numbers Augt 31st.
Ledger balances 30th Sept.
Statement apr. 23rd Oct.
Coal Book & Journal Sept.
Stanley wage return 30 Sept.
Analysis & details of Store sales
Queenscliffe undertaking, 7th Oct.
Statement of Repair & training

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Blackhawk

To the Sec[y] of War

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 15th inst. enclosing Requisition No. 283 for Stores of Ordnance.

2. 305 - 2 Rifle Carbines are required in good Condition. Par. 3. Three Sabres and six Cavalry Carbines were received in Excellent condition with the exception of one which was suffering from some kind of incrustation caused probably by knocking about on board.

3. Arnold's Horses are good, brought the Waters at each Fresh off his hands. They are in my possession. The Lieutenant has distinctly refused to have anything to do with them.

4. 306 - 11. I have already sent for a new pair of Bellows for the old forge, which is all I require.

5. Par. 7. Sloop Augusta for 1875 has never been received.

I have &c.

H. Coleman, Lieut.
Secretary

Enclosure.

6. Par. 5. There is such a case as this that the arrange- ment proposed, viz to pay wages in the meadow could not be carried out if Workmen had a crown per day for half a dollar.

7. Par. 10. No blame attaches to anyone in respect of the fierce leathers which are here in time, unless as fears they are all sent one day; as directions they mentioned the pieces for Cedars Sparrow Hawk & Vicar of Bray i.e. three pieces of leather have only come for one the first you will observe, is not mine

8. Par. 11. The goods dispatched to Thompsons were shipped by order of the Directors on the strength of enquiries made in London as to his respectability. There is no reason the existence of to fear, any large number of bad accounts.

9. Par. 12. The time was for dipping was good: which Mears already intimated that a

final judgment must not be formed until the experimental stock comes up for shearing.

10. Par. 13. The instructions as to the debts due the Company should be carried out; I have felt for some time that this and not the Farm is the real drag on the Company, and I have hesitated, partly for want of definite instructions, and partly because I did not wish to injure the Store.

I can see, however, that action can be no longer delayed, and my great regret is that with the time I must now devote to Mr Clay I can hardly go into the matter as deeply as I should. What I should wish to do is to make a voyage round the West immediately as all the Farmers are busy with lambing and preparations for shearing: under the circumstances I must do the best I can

11 Par. 16. Respecting Mr Clay's engagement, while I adhere to my opinion that the Directors have been deceived, and that it will be found

only in order that they would have benefitted had they wanted for any replies to King. I have desired to assure you that nothing on my part shall be wanting to make a satisfactory engagement & success. he shall have my full assistance and co operation in every way. There are difficulties, numerous ones, on the contrary, but they shall be overcomes if possible. I am confirmed that our attempts will succeed to the castle in a fortnight. there have not distinct proofs the charge against the Archbishop of Canterbury, but enough to do with them. we have had confirmation of my suspicions, about King. that he is in constant fear from his Labourers, and, consequently, unwilling to practice that tardy lenity which he & consequently Quakers proceeds to a personal inspection of his flock the most important one is the first. believers & pay us daily. Will have

of the last week and drafted upon him, to prevent that the report was seriously true. He has told a neighbour that he refused his discharge in consequence of having written to you and must get away soon, as he has an offer of 16 dollars per month. In this you may discover the secret of all the trouble. You have heard, I daresay, of a new language as a ship's forecastle. King is of that breed.

12. Jan. 17. Mr. Wadsworth's case lies. I believe not turned up. He received yesterday from Fort Howard, and I am to see him today about his account.

13. Jan. 18/19. Via the passenger pennail have arrived safely; Mr. Langdon's agreement was not found enclosed. You will have heard of the death of Mr. Wells in Montevideo in September; I return herewith his letters.

14. Jan. 21. The South American Missionary Society's act in the Slave Law very busy & am unlikely enable to leave, owing to the bad

way in which the books were kept by Ernest, nor can Mr. Langton assist me with fine recollections. I make a note to have a print search through this account after the mail has left.

15. Par. 22. I have already expressed an unfavourable opinion of the Sandy Point trade.

16. Par. 25. The Lion of Bray will leave as soon as her cargo is ready: as shearing has not begun I cannot make any estimate of the time. We have had a cold spring that has retarded the growth of wool very considerably.

17. Par. 26. I know nothing of the two rams sent up in the Beach Hawk by Mr. Hoey Jun. in May last, but I will Enquire.

18. Par. 28. I am surprised to hear that some original are wanting: I know that I sent an envelope at the last moment, and it may have got astray in Montevideo.

19. The carpenters have knocked under; but as Mr Drew & I have determined to give them a lesson, and have locked them out. I have got two from Montevideo, and shall now manage to repair the slaughter houses and keep every thing in repair without needing any further assistance.

20. Gordon Mee a shepherd asked me last week to enquire into the system of education in operation in Scotland, where he says, he pays for his a schoolmaster at even distances say from three or four hours, and the shepherds by turns board and pay a young man as tutor - He says the school at Darwin is useless to him at Bluff Cove, and asks for a resident teacher in other respects. Perhaps a boarding house for children in charge of a matron might answer at Darwin Harbour.

21. The mail having arrived so late I have had no time to confer with Molloy, but I am going out with him as soon as I can.

12. The Southern Cross left for London on 7th Nov., her final accounts and draft are enclosed. I gave Capt. Stirling no commission, but promised him £10 if he got the ship home safely, in lieu; this amounting to less than the usual 5% - £5 I gave him here, and £5 he is to receive from you. I thought this the best arrangement, as, in the event of difficulty about the bills it would be advantageous to have the ship at hand.

13. I have interviewed Captain Newman about the wants of the port, and written a few notes of which I enclose a copy.

I am Sir.
Your obedient servant
Alex. Tolmie.
Colonial Treasurer.

No attention in Steam Boat

Customs.

Enclosures.

Duplicate Despatch N° 225
" Ledger balances
" Egeria's cost & earnings
" Analysis & details of Store sales 1875
Letter Lieut Sweny to Coleman
5 Letters for Wilks returned
Copy of letter to Col. Secretary re Mann
" " Jamieson's Certificate
Letter of Advice of Southern Cross' draft
1st Ex N° 456 for £326.13.1
Cash Vouchers for Oct
Memos given Capt Newman 16 Nov 76.
Southern Cross' Accounts

Additional Enclosures to Despatch No. 24

Statement of Accounts
1st Ex No. 458 for £20. 0. 0
1st " " 460 " 30/. 10. 0
Shipping Report
Copy letter to J. L. Waldron 11th Nov/6
Sparrow Hawk's Sails draft 9th
1st Ex for Sailors wages £56. 0 0

15. Nov.r 6

I remit the following drafts
1.st ex No. 456 Liddell & Co. Inglewood 321 15 1
1 . . " 486 Newman . Lloyds 30 7 10 .

and have drawn No. 493 favr J. Wellesley please forward to Mrs. David Munro 110 . .
Eventon, Rossshire for 4 . .
her daughter L. Bellenden
L. Baillon from his son 10 . .
on demand Messrs. C. Byrne Bro.s 15 15 .
this amount is a portion of
proceeds Wool sold on a/c of
Greenshields & Felton
I send 1.st ex for £16. for you to collect 16 . .
if possible for a sailor remaining here
since above I have drawn in favor
of London & Hieme 1.st Nat.l Bank @ 60/s 160 . .
and taken a draft on A Baillon @ 3 d/s 20 . .
No. 456.

The draft for Dean is for cash
obtained from him, and that for
Baillon was paid in last July
to be remitted as soon as I was
compelled to use it through shortness
of cash, which occurred just at the
end of October.

Seaforth.
Colonial Treasurer.

Falkland Islands &c.
Stanley. 14th Novr.
1876.

Sir.

I shall feel obliged if you will represent to His Excellency the Governor the danger that I am running of losing a most valuable Leicester ram, which is kept on board the Vixen as Dray because the Inspector of Animals is unable to say what is the matter with it. I have had the animal examined by two practical shepherds, who are of opinion that it is not suffering from any contagious disease, and the certificate from the Veterinary College forwarded to the Inspector yesterday is in every way satisfactory. I forward

G. Grant Esq.
Acting Colonial Secretary &.
&. &.

the opinion of the shepherd Walter Jamieson, taken down verbatim, and have desired the other, Alexander Fraser, to wait upon you, in order to answer any queries that may be put to him. They leave to add that the case is urgent, as the ram is pining for want of his companions, and has refused to eat since they were brought ashore.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servants

Lieut. Gore.

Colonial Secretary.

Remarks on Vicar of Bray's Cargo

Bass. My remark that a larger quantity of No 4 ale might have been shipped per "Macedon" is confirmed by your having to ship pale Ale instead, the latter is not liked. The whole shipment was asked for by one publican, but I had to divide it. Ale is an article of regular consumption, and the publicans are, without exception the best ready money customers always paying monthly.

Hounsell. We are charged with four Insigns although there were only three in the parcel.

Bayliss You have sent no account of the weight of this firm's goods.

Roberts. The Scotch caps appear to be approved of at Darwin.

Compston. The house coal is very good, and will soon be all gone. Mr Dean's coal per "Alair" being if possible greater rubbish than that per "Albany", so bad that he has ordered some of the Vicar's for his own consumption.

Rosher. I suppose that you do not fear the risk of shipping quick lime in single casks.

Russell. The dungaree a 7½d

is the most suitable, having a ready sale.

Warren. The Stout is pronounced by a publican to be very good, but that from Rawley per Macedon was so excellent that no one would buy any other as long as it lasted

Arnold. The wood delivered is not according to invoice, there being no Mahogany feather edge boarding, or any of the 3 & 6 deck cut deals and very little flatting; in fact the whole shipment seems to be a muddle, for I cannot see that any Mahogany or feather edge boarding was asked for.

Wodfe. There is no fault to be found with the Gig, except that she has one oar too many, prescribing 5. per ship, she appears to have cost a lot of money. Capt. Thomas of the Sea Witch picked up a nearly new Deal gig for £10, about the same length as ours, Mr. Dean appears to secure a number of second hand boats at very cheap rates

Barker. You pay 11/. for coffee, but I learn from Mr. Dean that his father pays 9/. only. All our provisions I believe to be bought at a higher rate than his.

Bremner. The Tobacco at 15d supposed to be golden leaf is the worst I have seen for a long time.

Higgins. All the pipes were sold in half an hour.

Houghton. The stationery appears to be bought at high retail prices.

Hyam. The whole case was sent to Darwin and pronounced by the Storekeeper to be the best selection he has seen, though quite inadequate to supply the wants of our own men. There were half a dozen boy's suits and there must have been 50 boys at least in want of clothes.

Marples. Some of the Clocks refuse to go. They are hardly as good as before.

Morton. There is a great sale for all the sweets, lemonade & ginger beer powders. The honey is very good, it had Crosse & Blackwell's label on it.

Montauban. The Chocolatine was sold immediately, it is a capital thing for the Camp.

Rowson I have again to complain of goods not being packed in the casks

according to invoice, in cask 6777 there should be ½ doz pint oil feeders, which are missing and have not turned up anywhere else yet. I meant to send for lamp oil feeders, but you have sent a kind for Machinery. The nail extractor answers well, you might send a couple more.

Silver The furniture is dear as usual.

Wilson. Hardy says the casks shipped by this firm are very poor

Yates. I can only repeat what I have so often said viz That this firm's goods are so dear, as to prevent us from making the profit we might Take a single instance, Mr. Wilks's father sent him two Yorkshire hams of a quality far superior to Yates, bought retail at 9d. per pound, packed in saw dust; you pay Yates 11d. per nett wholesale and 9d each for packing. I bought one of Mr. Wilks's hams so speak from experience. When Bass' Bottled Ale is required again, in about 6 years I expect you would go to another bottler, for, notwithstanding my frequent complaints, each shipment gets worse and worse. I have not seen a head on a glass of Yates's Ale since the 'Governor's'

shipment. The Danish butter is good, but the tins are too large, 1lb or 2lb ins should be shipped

Bayues. In the only box of pipes yet sold there were 45 broken out of a gross, so that it appears the packing was not much better than before.

In making this shipment the remaining one third of the Indent you appear to have overlooked the fact that the Vicar of Bray is some four months behind her time, it follows therefore that the supply of provisions is even too scanty to supply our Camp men leaving Stanley out of the question. When you are crippled for funds you should cut anything down rather than stint Tea coffee sugar, without which our men cannot be expected to work contentedly.

Stanley
19 Dec. 1876.

Lieut. Governor.
Colonial Treasurer.

First Landing 1876.

Stocks	Ewes	Wethers	Rigs	Totals.
Mariquita	510	461	3	974
Cape Collingwood	453	459	11	922
Egg Harbour	780	681	6	1,467
Egg and Barks	490	474	8	972
Wharton's	586	533	10	1,129
Barnafoot	487	423	8	918
Bodie Creek	315	452	2	769
Cantera	712	597	8	1,317
High Hill	108	97	4	209
Lagoon Isla	463	459	7	931
Bluff Creek	652	551	16	1,219
Swan Inlet	1,311	1152	33	2496
Seal Creek	272	220	4	504
Salisbury Point	332	334	10	676
Arrow Harbr	1,022	997	21	2,040
Miles Creek	773	600	13	1,376
Low Bay	539	420	7	966
Little Pinnon	279	270	10	559
Walker Creek	1,111	1,071	19	2,201
Island Bo	899	870	16	1,785
Seal Cove	1,141	960	16	2,122
	12,167	12,136	229	25,532

Stanley 20 Dec 1876.

Manfone.
Colonial Treasurer.

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Black Snake

1st February /9

Sir,

Your despatch No 507 arrived per Black Swan on the 23rd ult.

2. Par. 3. I beg leave to express my best thanks for the notice with reference to communication from the Company's employés. I am unable to understand the impression that letters are detained, there can be no reason dared to hint such a thing with regard to myself, and except my assurance that such dishonesty has never been committed by me.

3. With Volunteering your impression as to the way and cannot, I should like to keep the matter in view as I believe a small plant would be sufficient, and steam could be obtained at Spare green, while fallow boiling is going on, at no other expense.

I Coleman &c.
Secretary
London

6. Par. 2. Sees no objection that makes the clause, point is a full-powered one, there will be no gain over the present route; no more but the transport can make any against the gales down here, particularly in going this westward. And how a large steamer can pay Lamont a less to run. The Chilian corvette Chacabuco is now here with the Governor of Sandy Point, who has come over here if there is any possibility of establishing intimate relations between the two Colonies. His Excellency speaks of a steamer which some one has an idea of trying upon the line.

5. Par. 7. Nothing would unnecessarily lock Plant, Stores not telegraphed for the winch.

6. Par. 10. Referring to the matter of Mr. Bullard's Sheep See that I was wrong in using the word "requested";

a / assumed terms been entered for
credit / took to the meaning of the
words you are to supply them with
them. was able to spare them,
and considered his undertaking to
part neither with them nor any of
their progeny until paid for suffi-
cient security, besides believing that
the arrangement to pay for them by
three annual instalments was reason-
able, and in accordance with my
instructions. I further considered in
the Directors' view that such facilities
might be safely granted to him.
As the price being considered low
upon will receive the necessary order
and counter orders on the subject
forwarded from time to time, you
will find the last letter in these
words:— "In your case that 10/ pay-
for sheep, we shall certainly wait at
the price & the history of the applic-
ation / I can only add that no
sale of ours at a higher price has
been taken place here, to my knowledge

Dear Sir. 13. May 10

I have only waiting your return, under
the circumstances that he must in fact
for a heavy drinking bout and
continued to see his house your;
but I may allude to the matter
you mention briefly. Pound
Cashmere of Leeds, — no proof was
necessary, for you may remember
my speaking through and through
and you will not find any
suggestion that it is got rid of;
on the contrary I have had to
put you right several times when
you have alluded to the clearance
being cured; what I have re-
cisely maintained is that
the coal which regularly burnt
out in the autumn was here of
late years so checked as not to
have caused any trouble work
mentioning. On the point of
death Mr Clay's enclosed letter
I regard as a triumphant con-
firmation of my assertions; so

to the wool from the sheep as usual, dispersed the weights may speak for themselves. The flock attended & not being liable to stray like young sheep were left shepherdless for want of a shepherd, and as to the overdriving of sheep before you which Mr Ring says would have been heavy in consequence some months later had they not been buried down I thought the reply too obvious to be worth pursuing on record. I reminded you of the story of the gentleman in Newgate who objected because article of food supplied him on his last morning, on the ground that it would unfit his digestion. The delay between the shearing and dipping was a week. As previously explained, for want of hands the two operations could not be carried on at the same time. You considered certainly that the Board had no answerable for all defects and I avow distinctly that if the condition of the sheep at present is not immeasurably better than six or eight years

ago. It is my fault for not having changed the management. I have no desire to screen myself behind my subordinates. I take to myself the epithets "forger" "swindler" "scoundrel" &c. which were applied to me by King, and I consider such expressions used by a servant about his master to be most improper.

8. Jan. 10. Mr Smith's account was passed in June or July 1873, but was not settled by cash till until the first or second of July, consequently he appeared among sundry debtors with a balance of £550.

9. Jan. 10. I said some time ago I believed that other sheep gave better fleeces than the Cheviots, but I cannot credit the increase being better. Mr Wardrop must have a great mixture, as I Merinos and Cheviots have

Indeed to Darlton's assertion, and imported Romney Marsh blood four distinct breeds; however, he gets great praise. I was glad to observe that the Directors have abandoned their opinions about pure Cheviots, and had not only shipped out Leicesters but listened favourably to the account given of the Romney Marsh sheep. The more experiments we try the better. The chief obstacle will be the obstinate Scotch prejudice against anything English.

do. Par. do. The account will have shown you that £1 only was due from the Company for fees. The gratuity to Capt. Lane was a personal one, that on the Cheviot party belonging to the Owner.

11. Par. do. A feeling which almost amounts to panic has arisen in the Camp through the want of a medical man; four deaths have taken place since July, viz:- Colin Scott, his sister, John M. Kinnell, and Mr. McCall. The doctor has in the same time been sent for ten times. Medicine

Most of the men would subscribe and the Governor has ordered me to convey to you his opinion that the Company should either subsidize a medical man, or do some thing to lighten the charge to our men, which he does not, under the circumstances consider Ours. Ours being 3/ per mile in consideration for bodily discomfort of the most acute kind, the journeys having to be made rapidly by a person unaccustomed to constant riding. Whether shortly the Directors could meet the Government, the latter would abolish the office of Colonial Surgeon, and pay an annual sum to ~~a Surgeon~~ one stationed at Darwin.

12. Par. 20. Should deem to your remark as to the good stock of stores, at the present moment I have but little tea, and no flour or sugar at all, indeed of the latter I have had to buy 12 bags to supply Darwin. The coffee from

Montevideo per Black Hawk appears to be reasonably good, and costs under 9d per lb.

13. Jan. 21. It is almost impossible to obtain land free from thistles, and the cartage and other labour on grain &c. raised, appears to render it expensive.

14. Jan. 22. The passengers arrived all well, but I must repeat my objection to married men, having for the present no accommodation for more families; you can have no conception of the difficulties you cause, or you would not send such people. The shepherds inform me that I am to provide them with dogs at the Company's expence, and the Butcher says he was promised 20 lbs. hitherto shepherds have found their own dogs and Butcher their own knives, & when making changes of this kind, please inform me.

There were shepherds enough sent, but the man and boy sent last mail are absolutely useless, and had characters with the bargain. There must

to a committee of shipowners
for inquiry in April, as to charges for
lecture; if they claim passages
and there is no room for sailing
ship, are to send the mail
overland by mail? Scarcely think
that we are more fairly provided
with shipping for this year's work
but as far as Sears judge, not
knowing who are leaving. Ashored
day we ought to have been made by
next November.

15. Jan. 23. It appears
to me singularly unfair to make
such a point of the fewness of the
Company's wool being carried by
four steamers, and utterly ignore
the fact that at the rates of the
Peninsular and Oriental
Company it took the highest and
best fourteen others. Spencelaid's
wool is from notoriously scabby
sheep, and not to well skirted as
ours. I must therefore attribute
his extra 1/4 d to a fluke, or to damage
caused by the extra pressure one gets.

16. Jan. 26. The Fargo not having
of the Power guaranteed, should have
been taken back without deduction.

17. The S.A. Mission.
Mr. Rees. Mr. Mason. Mr. Weeden.
Wounded. Basilon (perhaps Stiebens
will Believe all need Help to Spare
grain this year.

18. . Mr. Emile Noel
has been making inquiries here with
reference to the manufacture of peat fuel
on a large scale, and Shaw promised
him all the assistance I can give him.

19. Forward a certificate
as to the married people — I do not like
the mention of garden ground and use
of a cow in the agreements, although
I always grant such indulgences to well
conducted people, that there might be
a difficulty, and it is better that such
things should be granted as a favour
and not demanded as a right.

20. It appears that if there
is any possibility of doing anything
wrong Mr. Ryerson will not do it

agent. Martin having by the
exercise of some ingenuity turned
a block out of wood and formed
a perfect leather for the hydraulic
press at Darwen, that difficulty
was in some measure overcome than
another presented itself in the
shape of the press box by mail.
on 21st - 13 Asked for boxes to
replace those at Darwen, boxes like
the Waterbreak ones; but they
have sent a box for the ladder press,
consequently this inches too small, and
quite useless for the purpose for
which it was required. Herewith
Creed boxes, having only been used
one season, will not require renewing
for some years, do Specifications to return
this box. Two boxes for the Darwen
wire press are required like that for
Blanch, but bound more strongly. Ad-
der that you paid £39.5. for the
one by mail, against £20 for Blanch.
21. The barges Lepol is con-
signed with 6 for returning again,
owner Messrs. A. & Stylman

12. Since my last I have accompanied Mr Clay to some parts of Saponi, taking the opportunity of seeing a number of sheep during the lambearing. I have not much to add to his report, but I should mention that he sees the ewes at their worst as they are suckling lambs, have fleeces on them and are pinged by the spring grass. After shearing they recover condition rapidly. These sheep show the most signs of having had before tipping
lice badly, which are on the lands where the wild cattle feed; the difference between the outside sheep which are and the first mentioned
not harassed by cattle ~~I am~~ is remarkable ~~convinced~~. This points to the conclusion which had a policy of extermination should be pursued with regard to the wild cattle and horses, is a fact that Mr Watson, as well Coverly, has long since recognized. The lambing returns when completed after shearing will prove to be far below the average. I am, part

owing to the weakenment
of spring, perhaps that I have
seen here, and lastly to the poor
condition of the rams, which
must have been reduced by their
confinement during the close
time from 1st March to 1st May.
Special attention will be devoted
to their condition this time, and
really, under the circumstances
it bathes a matter for congratu-
lation that the lambing has not
been unwieldy an increase to deal
with this first year. The sheep
dipped in June & supplies have
been shown, and I have ordered
a sample bale of the wool to be
sent in; if it arrives in time it
should go this mail. The wool is
reported to be short and dry, but
the sheep are nearly clean; I go
face to make another trial with
it. but I must have tobacco
as a standby, and not having

enough to spirit such Telegraph to £300 worth more, which the Directors will send Shops, as their latest Experienced opinion in 307 - 23 shows that they regard shutting the dipping as false economy. I should mention, though, that the Gardeners who have fairly successful kitchen gardens, cheap tobacco, and pairs 6/ when you paid 10/ or 11/. I think the price you give is extravagant

23. Mr. Clay will shortly visit the Bay of Islands and search for a site for the new establishment, and, as soon as I can I shall join him, and visit a great part of Japan. If you will turn to the enclosure in my despatch 36, and compare Mr. Brunard's report on taking charge with Mr. Clay's, you will see a striking difference, and yet the first was substantially true.

24. I observe that you have calculated the average weight of tallow for sheep, and must mail you

will probably say that I gave too much for coches; in reply to which I may tell you that the average was greatly pulled down by the bad ones, and that a coche in good condition should yield dollars.

25. As anticipated in one of my late despatches, M. Deani coal for Aden has not made the shipment for steamy a brilliant speculation, it having been preferred by the Calles by the Engineer of the Chambers. Consequently steam coals remain as before.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant

Colonial Secretary

Remarks on Shaw Furniss' accounts and reply W Jan. 12 of Sept. 97.

Since last mail Messrs Shaw have been actively engaged in communicating with our various constituents. From some Shaw not yet heard, so confine myself this mail to reporting the arrangements Shaw made.

J.K. Woodroffe. I think the terms arrived at as per accompanying correspondence with this large and valued client will be considered satisfactory. You will observe that the payment of £1000 has been already anticipated, leaving a balance due of about £1000, to cover this Mr Woodroffe will consign his produce to the Company, and by middle of this month will ship 500 or 600 bales and 700 or more bales of wool. For any cash he may draw he will give me a draft on England, and propose in future to settle his account by quarterly bills on his broker. He

no right to claim the consignment it was simply to be handed to him as Trustee.

John Dawe has given a preferable lien on his wool and hides proceeding at a most moderate estimate the amount due to the Company.

Greenfield gave a preferable lien on wool to the amount of his account, inclusive of cash due for sheep next May, which I shall if necessary call him up for.

Hey Cowdroy that their wool will cover their account this year; if not you will please to consider me personally responsible for their debt.

Sidney Scholes has not yet answered my letter requesting security. Solomon & Hale have not answered yet; but I received a letter some time since from Mr Solomon saying that they are doing so well with the wild cattle that they hope to have a balance to their credit this year.

naturally wishes that to make his
affairs public, which would in the
case prove any mortgage or lien
given, as it would have to be regis-
tered at Mr Bailey's office, and
inevitably shortly reported to Mr.
Dean.

Bailey Mr. Shaw
just arranged with Mr Lewis
Bailey &c a mortgage for £2000,
against which he was receive
credit for £1500; this sum being
fully worth £4000 or £5000 the
security is excellent, and the
wool to be consigned to the
Company and when coming to
your quay to be hoisted down over
probably under it unnecessary for
them to avail themselves of the
mortgage to the full extent. The
Bailey has been told by Mr.
Shaw that he paid £396. 17. 7
to the Company on 19th July; no
record of such payment can be found
in your accounts. Mr Shaw has

Smith & Cameron. Before the Union left he said he did not wish the affair to be hindered for the want of a few hundreds, and would arrange a credit if necessary in London; at present the advances in Sloss and Cash are not up to the wool, which is to be consigned to the Company; I will endeavour to make some arrangement with Mr Cameron before next mail.

A Pelanga ship holden as per Bill of lading, and says he will have 1000 more for the second vessel. I shall have an opportunity of making a definite arrangement with him before next mail.

Communication here is so slow and uncertain that I have no more to report at present; but the Directors will see that there is a fair prospect of getting their money in on

the arrival of the year's produce
On all hand wethen available for
boiling down, they are in a better
position than before: and, although
thrown back lately by the low price of
wool, they are in a healthy state.

I wish to ask the Directors
whether they will not be satisfied when
the accounts are once square to allow
credit to run on during the year
provided advances are repaid out of
the cargo? The money would then be
available for dividend. If we are to
make a profit out of them, and
demand cash in advance, are they not
more likely to send to England for
all they want, and so save profit?

The above are our chief
Mr Williams's credit is now entirely
stopped - I am sorry that his account
was allowed to run so high, but it
never was agreed off - of the £700
bill last year £400 was to be drawn
in cash; then there was the unfor-
tunate fire at Port Adelaide which
necessitated materials for erecting a

been wool shed, there was also no
hire or materials (wool, &c. &c.
He had to be assisted by some
one, or would have been made
bankrupt by his men, when the
Company would probably have
been losers. I freely acknowledge
that I went too far, but I
endeavoured to remedy this by
pulling up sharply, and I can
not agree to the Directors' view
that there is little or any hope
of repayment; on the contrary I
expect to see it cleared out
September in time to meet the
dividend.

Respecting the large
amount of sundry debtors, the
Directors will remember that in
consequence of an error in the London
office, an error which brought down
on my head their temporary wrath,
I was ordered not to credit debtors
with their produce in transit. I
send herewith a statement showing

how much these balances have been subsequently reduced. I am not surprised to hear that Mr Smith was annoyed at being called upon to pay £350 twice over, nor can I understand how you could suppose that I had allowed him to leave the islands without a word to you about it, had he really owed the money.

I am sorry if the Directors think I spent too much time over Kings loan — I answered him at length, because I was and am of opinion that they have been treacherously and cruelly duped by a man who has been proved to be a liar and a Cracksman, and I thought I could not be fully expose his misstatements. If I have erred I am sorry for it.

Send a statement of bad debts in the Store which it will be necessary to write off.

I am Sir
Colonial Treasr.

1st Jany. 1877.

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Enclosures.

Duplicate No 226
Landing Certificates Guardian Keith
Clay's Report
Invoices in stock 30 June
Sick Landing Account 1876.
Remarks on Diary of Bray's Cargo
Copy of Notice posted at Darwin
Correspondence with Waldron 17. 21 Nov 76 Dec 7 6.
Journal & Cash Book Oct 4 Nov
Cash Vouchers Nov
Comp Wages return 20 Sept 76
2nd Exchange No 460, 462, 466.
2 " Sailors Wages
for
" No 466 for £100. 0. 0
" 462 " 100. 0. 0
" 465 " 62. 3. 9
Cash Cheque " 15. 0. 0
Cash Cheque " 10s. 6. 9
Remarks on Sundry Letters 30 June 76.
Bill of Lading Hides per Lizard of Bray's
Certificate of having examined Ship's Boats
Forms for Cabin Steerage Freight to be printed 300 each
certificate
Shipping Report
Memorandum on accounts
Langdon to Directors & Secretary
Landing Certificate of H. Martens
Remarks on Sheep Farms
List of Bad Debts in Store

List of Bad Debts of the Store

J. Parry	left the Islands	
C. Louis	missing	1 15 2
Shoreland	"	2 1 .
Melville's Estate	could only pay 7/-	3 14 .
C. Wilson	left the Islands	2 3 .
R.L. Gilchrist	late Storekeeper	2 1 6
J.H. Thompson	left the Islands	2 11 10
		120 19 1
		£ 134 15 7

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Black Sea 17

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2nd Sunday 7

Sir,

In continuation of my last despatch, I have to inform you that I expect to despatch the Vian on Day by 15th February, the early date mentioned by you being out of the question. She cargo will consist of about 2300 hides and 700 bales wool or thereabouts, if the present favourable weather should continue, there will be more of the former than last year. As I shall leave the less valuable therefore until the second vessel. If necy, any to prevent detention I shall accept any wool consigned to Messrs.

2. Have sent provisionally the wool and hides from our several Consignments from the outports: I may get an estimate for next mail, meanwhile be guided

Thereby.

I am Sir
Your very humble Servant
Lowdon

by last year's shipments.

3. It will be necessary to arrange with Mr Leder for two Kilderkin Casks, all produce being mortgaged to him. The quality was probably but moderate.

4. The repairs to the Black Hawk's bottom in April were not permanent; the copper is now peeling off in sheets, and it must be decided whether she is to be docked in Montevideo and sent home, or home direct. The last is a shame; but unable an opinion be formed. I have asked Mr Humphreys to send you full particulars of repairs in Montevideo.

5. I send a memo. of stores actually wanted, which please send by return.

I am Sir.
Your obedient servant
Geo. Goss.
Colonial Manager

Stores
for Stores

2nd Cabin

The following are not objected.

1 cask Bacon, which has been
100 days. Empty Casks which must be
marked, there being one must
be the mate's since the two
casks were taken away.

10 casks Fine Flour

10 casks Pilot Bread

20 days. At sea off Auckland.

At sea off Auckland, the following
are being received.

200 lbs. Freight & Wages (Saloon) for one
ox for passengers Forwarded
per "Prom Trelliss
Susannah & Stanley" &c.

2 gross Small Sticks } for
2 " do. 2½ " do. (?) } Cages

Received on
board Steamship "Jessie
Black Battleaxe book, No 1, Case Coal
and box Hemp.
1 Case Tins &c. No 1 Battleaxe
do. box Leads

2nd January 7

I remit the following sums

Packet Bill Cheque on Scott & Co	61	3	5
" "	43	8	2
A Baillon " " Baillon	100	-	-
Revd Power on Mr Eales Paris	100	-	-
Col. Bray's Cheque on Child & Co	15	-	-
Collect from Capt. Laws for J Bowers	2	10	-
Capt. Newman with gray year	10	-	-
Collect on Duncan & Archibald	52	3	9
against the above I have drawn in favor of T. L Humphreys	60	-	-
also please pay Mr Wilks	11	9	11
C.S. Turner Falmouth	53	10	-
Owners of "Macedon"	1	15	2
" Jas Mc Kenzie, Manager, Newmore, Invergarden, Scotland & Hill	10	-	-
" A.R. Mission Dept from Calcutta	20	-	-

You have omitted to send me account of the Speedwell Island Wool although mentioned in notes on the Macedon's Cargo

Until paying my instalment to M.P. Cobb in February next } 150 - -

Steenboom.
Colonial Treasurer.

Stanley, Falkland Islds.
4th January,
1877.

Sir,

On the 29th June, 1872, previous to my departure for England, I had the honour to tender my resignation as Consul for Chile, on the ground that there was no business of importance to attend to.

I returned to the Islands in 1873, and up to the present time my anticipations as to the want of business have proved correct. Learning now, however, that the visit of His Excellency the Governor of Punta Arenas may be productive of more intimate relations between the two Colonies, and having had the pleasure and honour of conversing with His Excellency the Minister of Foreign Affairs, &c. &c. at Santiago

His Excellency upon the subject on several occasions, I beg leave again to tender my services should it be considered necessary once more to establish a Consulate in this place.

I have the honour to be,

Sir.

Your Excellency's most obedient

humble servant,

Jean Goose.

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Chacabuco
Sandy Point. 4th Inst.

Sir,

I have received leaving earlier than was expected I have only time to forward Enclosures as at foot.

I am Sir
Your obedient Servant

Commodore
Colonial Secretary.

Enclosures
Despr. 227/47
" Order
" Remarks on Crimean Debates
" Chart
" Statement case
" Remarks on Crimean Despr carg
" Tinct Sampling case
" Bill for Value of Wines
Dupl Despr. 228. 228 2500 Ps.
232. 2. 9
Copy Letter of introduction for Mr

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Syrot

30th Janr 7.

Sir.

Having just settled with the above vessel the Captain intends leaving at once, so in case she arrives before the next mail I take the opportunity, in the absence of the Col. Manager, to send you the first of exchange for the Jessie Brown's and Syrot's repairs amounting to £1.072. 0.0.

2. I learn this morning that the Vicar of Bray is loading fast so make no doubt she will leave this by middle of February with a full cargo.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servt

A Langdon Clerk

F. Coleman Esq
Secretary
London

Extracts on same subject from
Gardiner's Letter 3rd Dec. 1836.

You sent three nets per Vesta
1835 to Macedam, but might forward a
large of the kind mentioned for trial. They
should be 3 in. in the mesh, and no larger.

At the Rose publish a thorough
note and in our Bills of lading, why could
not Copeland & ship through them? The
Governor has spent £16.7.1 in the store since
he came. Capt. Willis of the Eliza
Gardiner was most officious on behalf of
Chase in endeavouring to get the Typoh
business, going off in his boat, and touching
as though for himself; as his influence
as well as that of the Mission such as
it is, is touched against the Company,
I shall make him pay as much for his
box as possible.

Capt. Dixon's Anne having
asked for a stove which will be dangerous
expensive and unnecessary. Never in
future let me have an opportunity of
judging of the necessity of goods asked for.

The bay is fed to work at
Albany, cost 80 per bale, 16 cheese
represents 60 per cent in Swanses.
I was obliged to sell it quickly, as
it was so bulky.

It is incomprehensible
how you should pay 8d more
per lb for tobacco, when the Yankees
buy at 6d, and manage to keep his
sheep clean & nearly so. It would
be better I should think rather to
be guided by his experience than
by the opinion of your Brothers.

A pair of circular bellows
will be required for the forge. The
Blacksmith, Thayer hired the
Cyclops for three weeks, and assured
me that he could do nothing with it—
That there was not much heat raised
I do not doubt: but was it not the
fault of the blowers and not the
men who turned them?

Perhaps you may remember

now standing for be' hinges with brass
pins to withstand the action of salt water.
The ones supp^d in return looked well,
but a pair just broken on board the Black
Hawk have an iron pin rusted through
neatly hipped with brass at both ends to
mask it look like a brass one. What
do Mr Drew say to that?

Yours
Colonial Secretary

Stanley.
12th February. 1877.

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Black Hawk

15th Feby

Sir,

On the 4th inst. the 'Black Hawk' delivered your despatch No 50 dated 23rd December.

2. Pat. W. William McCall has always acted as a labourer, being a generally handy man, and rather old for living in the barrack. I did not enter the schooner's crews, because they are constantly changing. We do not require a second mason unless at labourers wages, at which Neil could work with his brother. Robert Pedwell is one of the crew of the 'Jason' Hawk among whom he takes the lead, and has just been promoted to the command of the 'Lily', he is a lively and promising lad. Peter McAvoy about whom you enquired some time since, has been promoted to the "Fairy".

F. Coleman Esq
Secretary
London.

2. Par 5. As the matter of stings
letter is closed I shall only attende to two
misconceptions that have arisen. It is
quite incorrect to say that Sting made
repeated requests in vain that I would
investigate his complaints nor do his
letters say so. He saw me once only, on
the 10th or 11th February, and as his letter
was begun on the 9th he evidently in-
tended to send it whatever might
happen. Besides I did investigat his
complaints, and in consequence, built a
new cook house and decided to dig out
meaning time so, even if possible
the outbreak of scab that usually takes
place in February and March. I am
more vexed than I can express at so
misconstruction you have put upon
my remarks that I had been lately attacked
about the management both of the
store and Farm. You have interpolated
the words "by them" added accounts and
utterly changed my meaning which
was that I had been attacked by letters

both from Gilchrist and King, and against the former carried the day by showing the falseness of his accusations. "Attack" is not a word that applies as between the Directors and myself, and as I endeavour to study propriety of expression I should not dream of using it. Be good enough to refer again to my dispatch and you will find out your error, which to my great annoyance must remain uncorrected so long.

4 Par 8. I think that the steps I have now taken to redress Settler's accounts will I trust satisfactory results.

5 Par 9. Allan does not appear to be much of a carpenter, and you are wrong in supposing that I have ever had any difficulty about getting men to go into the country when desired.

6 Par 10. In consequence of some stupid blunder that has yet to be explained the Black Hawk left Montevideo without the cargo

per Indiana; the whole Colony is consequently left without tea and sugar. It is really too annoying that this should have happened again so soon. Many of the enclosures that should have accompanied the despatch are missing, as before, and it appears to me that to save a shilling or two in postage and keep important documents from me for six weeks by doing so is scarcely true economy.

7. Par 11 The conversion of "feathers" into "feathers and your free translation of the latter into "shepherds wanted" are misfortunes at once ludicrous and melancholy. I endeavour in framing telegrams to be a little guided by common sense, and cannot but wonder that you did not think of the deaths lately sent out and remarked on in 506-10, instead of supposing that I would send such an idiotic message as the one you give me credit for. I

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consider that we are fairly off for shearers
now, as I have engaged a couple from
Montevideo. One Walker Creek press was
broken down for want of a leather, and
Martin has no more hydraulic leather
left to make a new one, even if he had
time.

Dec 12. There have not been
over 100 bales in the Darwin shed or 100
at Walker Creek at one time this season,
and after the middle of January it was
shipped at Darwin direct from the
press. I should think that after the
"Vicar of Bray" has left there will be
100 bales in each shed, but I can tell
better later on. The tallow is at little
risk: it is rolled out of the shed as
soon as filled. It is not an emergency
but as a regular thing that the work
is carried on at night, in fact it
never stops; dip candles are used.

The boilers are in a wooden shed built
ragged, separate from the main building.
There is no fire place in the latter.

7 Par 19. As Messrs Holmes and
Blake have given full security for
their debt (amounting in December to
(Log 6.12.3) on 62 bales Wool and about
900 hides you can pay Mr Hobbs account
with safety. I shall be glad to say the
absence of tobacco.

8 Par 20. As soon as lambs are
landed & allow them to feed on grass
for a few hours a day, gradually
lengthening the time of daily passage
and decreasing the supply of hay, they
are sent within a week if possible to
the Isaac island, and I do not remember
losing a single sheep that was been
landed in good condition. I do not
therefore agree with Capt. Fiche, and
can assure you that you have hitherto
always sent enough and to spare.

11 Par 21. It is my misfortune
that I have no Legal adviser here. I
thought that in paying Gilchrist six
months salary according to agreement
was effectually barring any possible
claim, instead of leaving an opening
for one. The whole of the enclosures
relative to this case are in Montevideo.
You are mistaken in supposing that
it is easy to find things out here by
enquiry.

12. Par 22. I understood from
Mr Baillon that Hoare & Rudkin should
have paid you nearly £100. the
proceeds of this years wool per Vicar
of Bray". Your delay in reporting this
payment will have caused unpleasantness
as I informed Mr Baillon some time
since that no cash had been received
on his account.

13. In my remarks on Mr. Williams
account last mail "little or any" should
have been "little if any"

14. You have sometimes seemed
to think that I have neglected to report

on experimental dips; but it is no more possible to pronounce an opinion on the result of them than it would be to judge of seeds the day after being put in the ground. Now, as the two flocks dipped with lime and Mr Dougall's respectively have been shorn, I can report on the first, on evidence of Messrs Clay and Fell, that the wool appeared to be dry and unaffected in the growth, though the sheep were clean comparatively; but having myself seen the wethers dipped with Mr Dougall I can say with confidence that I have seldom come across a flock in better order or with better grown wool; I was so much pleased with their appearance that I at once directed a first dipping of Ewes and lambs to compare with those dipped with tobacco. The wool from all flocks is kept separate this year to enable you to judge of the several dips from a

wool point of view.

5 If Messrs Davison & Co. want to get their money from Martin. I should suggest their sending out a power of attorney to sue for it.

16. Messrs Clay & Bell have a very mean opinion of the rams you sent out, and say that some of those bred by the Company would fetch higher prices in England. I believe that a judicious selection from the flocks of Messrs Waldron & Baillon might be made at far less expense than is incurred at present.

17 The following is an extract from a letter received from Mr James Waldron, in reply to one asking what his Cheviots average per fleece, and what he thinks of our average of 5¾ lbs:- "As regards the weight of fleece of the Cheviot ewes of a fleece wool 4½ lb and ½ lb locks, if I was a breeder of Cheviot sheep and had

From all clear, I would consider your average a very good one, there was a report here that you had a great number bare sheep, Cheviots I believe in Scotland cast their fleeces greatly, I know a good percentage of mine do and not scabby. I also find a few of the cross bred ones do too, but nothing to speak of."

18 I left Stanley on 16th ult. for Darwin Harbour, and reaching that the following afternoon left on the morning of the 17th for Walker Creek in the Sparrow Hawk". After landing some cargo and inspecting the wool press which was very easily round the ram, we dropped down to Lively Island and anchored for the night. The next day being nearly calm we did not leave until 7 p.m. when a N.E. breeze took us to Seal Cove. Those I intended, should the wind be fair to search the beach for the reported treasure; but a fine breeze N.N.W. next morning tempted me out, fortunately for had I remained I could not have rounded Bull Point for another

ek - There is no bluff there answering
Mr Doty's description. In the afternoon
reached North Arm, where the next
morning the 20th I met Mr Clay by
appointment, and we rode over every
part of the rincon: it is the one
marked in the chart "North Arm",
and the anchorage chosen by Capt.
Campbell is in the arm to the eastward.
We propose to fence this rincon near
the head, enclosing a fine and well
watered paddock, and have both a
clipping and dipping station there.
In the afternoon I dropped down to
Bull Road for the night and the
next day sunday the 21st reached
Speedwell Island. Here I found Mr
Baillon had finished shearing and
was waiting for the division of sheep
after the three years partnership.
This cannot take place until the
boiling down commences at Darwin
so Mr Baillon joined me for a trip

I am afraid that his sheep are very scabby.
On the 22nd we landed cargo and went on
to Fox Bay. Baillon Bros have their
place in nice order, and their sheep as
far as I could see are clean and heavily
woolled. They as well as Mr Packe on
the opposite side were busily engaged at
shearing. On the 23rd cargo was landed
and on the 24th we had a heavy gale
from S.E., on the 25th we sailed for Port
Howard, where we anchored at midnight.
On the 26th & 27th cargo was discharged
and hides taken on board and on 28th
the Sparrow Hawk left for White Rock.
Port Howard is the most advanced
place on the West that I have seen
as regards sheep farming, the woolshed
being large (100 feet x 40) commodious and
well built, and the sheep in a truly
enviable condition as to wool. I had
the pleasure of seeing a flock of hoggets,
a cross between our Cheviots and Romney
Marsh, with I believe a mixture
of merino from his old South American

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stock- I saw no fleeces under 9½ or 10lb and Mr sheep showed no signs of casting their wool. Opinion here is much in favour of a cross with Cheviots to gain their hardiness and good breeding qualities. Messrs Baillon Bros are said to have some wool from our Cheviot rams and their ¾ bred Leicester ewes that will beat everything this season. Mr Waldron dips without spirits of tar, a act which I have notified to Mr Clay, and he is experimenting in the same direction, using more sulphur. I think it would answer very a few of Mr Waldron's rams on an isolated sheep flock; this I will talk to Mr Clay about- I could at all events do no harm. Mr Waldron still kills a large number of wild cattle for hides his object being I understand to exterminate them,

the voyage runs. On the 29th Mr Bailton
and I rode over to Shallow Bay, the
Sparrow Hawk arriving there the same
evening, with rides from Mile Rock;
discharging stores and taking hides
on board on the 30th, the 31st was wet
and windy, and the wool was not
shipped until the 1st February. Shallow
Bay is the most finished settlement
I have seen, Sc Harbour excepted,
the place reflects great credit on the
energy of the occupiers. There are
numerous herds of heavy cattle on the
land, of which they have the hides
to some hundreds. On the 2nd Feby
went to Repulse, and had a good
look over the settlement. The cattle
are very tame and well trained, but
the sheep are miserable, and the
appliances for working them behind
the age. This however is not the fault
of Mr Bartlett, the energetic bailiff,

no complained much of not having
le to have things as he wishes. On
h. 3d. Nov. it was blowing a gale, ran
the Westward before which we ran
hrough North West pass against a
strong tide, and anchored in Ship
Harbour between the inner South Camar
Passes. On Tue 4th we passed through
Camar with a fair wind and tide,
and as soon as we got into a sea-way
the sails began their usual pranks.
The topgallan sail gave way, and no
sooner was a man aloft to repair it
than the after leach rope of the foresail
parted and the sail began to split;
while this was being stopped part of
the roping of the mainsail came away
from the sail. Campbell tells me this
sort of thing constantly happens, so I
hope that the new sails are stripped.
We were bound to Port Howard but
finding much sea and wind in the
Sound ran to Port Sussex. Next day
we started early for Port Howard

The wind coming on as hard as ever and
ing had bad weather for a week. I gave
the idea of going round and ran to the
ea, returning to Stanley on the 8th.
The Sparrow Hawk' went to Port Howard next
, filled up with 60 bales of wool, and
it together with that from Shallow
ay on board the "Vicar of Bray" at
arwin Harbour.

19 The fine weather having
oken up last month, and the shearing
ing delayed by the dipping of each
ock as soon, the "Vicar of Bray"
not be ready for another ten days.
hing one year with another you need
ever expect the first wool ship to leave
fore 1st March, say from the 15th Febr.
that date. The Cargo will consists
2,531 Hides, a little over 900 bales
ool and a few sheepskins.

20 As the cargo in Montevideo
gether with that expected to arrive
ould fill the "Black Hawk" twice
er, I have decided to despatch the

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'Sparrow Hawk', in about ten days' time, to meet the mail, and bring the balance of goods left by the 'Black Hawk', together with some more flour and maize, which are short again, and an accumulation of goods for others lying in the Custom House. The 'Sparrow Hawk' will meet her new sails and ship another crew, her present men being nearly out of their time; she will also, I hope, carry the Vicar's final Bills of Lading and news of her sailing.

21 I forward a letter from Mr Clay dated 11th February on which there is not much to remark; the difficulty about men at Walker Creek is a temporary one; as a number of the Laconia sheep are being shorn and dipped at Darwin as well as the outside sheep, in fact the greater part of the stock, it is necessary to have a large staff there. I intend

to change the site of the dip at Walker
creek and have already decided on the
erection of spotting pens. Mr Clay con-
firms my fear that discontent would
arise from the want of stores; we should
always have six months supply of tea,
coffee and sugar in hand.

22. When I was at Port Howard
I saw the best fence I have met with
yet, viz: a galvanized cable strand
wire with galvanized posts and half
posts between, supplied by Francis
Morton & Co. at 2½d per yard. Mr Waldron
has upwards of 3000 yards erected. There
are seven wires in the fence, and it is
sheep and lamb proof. Strainers every
220 yards make it as tight as fiddlestrings.
If the Directors can afford it I should
like from 2,000 to 3,000 yards of this fencing,
without the posts, of which I have a
supply from Sandy Point, but with a
quantity of galvanized staples, a sufficient
number of straining posts, and some

Morton's new post hole borers. If
you ask Mr Henry Waldron he will give
you all the information you require
want this for the new establishment
North Arm and to complete the
ncing at Walker Creek.

23. The Eastern Empire
longing to Price & Co is here consigned
the company, Leahy, she has dis-
harged 1100 tons into the Egeria, which
to be restripped by a vessel to be
hartered in Monte Video, and will
roceed with the remainder if possible.
present 14 of the crew are in gaol,
factory, but as the principal leak
stopped, and she has a donkey
he can leave safely enough. For
er bill which should be under £500
ou can arrange with Price & Co.

24. The Crown Prince which
ut in in December with illness on
board lost six hands by death the
irst week, and appears to be a plague
ship, for of nine new men brought
down by the 'Black Hawk' the greater

number were taken ill the first day, and the Captain has let them all go. The mischief was at first attributed to putrid pork, a quantity of which has been discharged, now, however, the cargo, which is guano has an unusually bad smell suspected. How long the ship may lie there it is impossible to say.

25 The stock of steam coal has been lessened by 20 tons.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Jno Ford.

Colonial Secretary

Enclosures

Duplicates 229. 229a
2nd Exchange Nos 466/7 for £495.19.4 £598.1.4
4 Bills of Lading Produce per Vicar of Bray
Statement on Sheep Farmer's accts
Stanley Jrl, Cash Book & Ledger Balances 31 Decr 76
" and camp Wages returns 31 Decr 76.
Cash Vouchers Decr 76 Jan 77.
List of Silver coin per Vicar of Bray
Black Hawk's return 3rd voyage 1877.
Remarks on Memo on Stores per Guadiana
Copy Stickney to Cobb 17 Decr 1876.
Jessie Brown and Tyrol accounts
Stores required
Statement on accounts
Shipping report
Clay's report.
Landing Certificate for Shepherd & Carpenter
Langdon & Coleman
Dyer

Statement of Sheep farmers accounts to 30th Sept 76
with security available in each case

	Debit balance		security
Baillon Bros	£530	15 3	Wool per Vicar not credited, wool to be shipped per 2nd vessel estimated weight 25,000 lbs. and preferable security on Stock, buildings & plant for £2,000.
Stickney Bros	514	19 4	Have withdrawn their business & will give a draft on England for the whole amount when wool is shipped.
F. Waldron	1,757	8 10	600 hides and 60 bales wool in Company's hands, and promise of remaining shipment of say 400 Hides and 140 bales wool to Co's consignment.
J. Bonner	258	5 3	Preferable lien on produce say 500 to 600 hides and clips estimated at 15,000 lbs.
Holmested & Blake	1,096	12 3	130 hides and 63 bales wool in Company's possession, and probable further shipment of 500 hides of which a large number are already shilled.
R. Greenshields	1,423	5 11	Preferable lien on wool of 4000 or more sheep, tallow from 400 sheep yet to be credited, a portion of this debt not due until May.
Smith & Cannan	526	19 7	Wool from about 3,000 sheep an arrangement can probably

Debit Balance	Security
526 19 7	be made when I next see Mr Cameron for a credit in London. Mr Smith being a man of means.
953 13 10	560 hides on board Vicar's a further 1000 more or less promised for second vessel.
608 12 10	Their wool to be shipped per 'Vicar of Bray' not received yet.
1090 19 7	This amount Mr Williams undertakes to discharge next September failing which I have an offer of £10:000 for his property, which will be sufficient to cover all debts.

Yours faithfully
Colonial Treasurer

Stanley 14th Febr 1877.

Feb.y 7

Black Hawk does not appear to
credited with freight on Mr Cobbs
ne nor for Holmesdale sulphurs Tobacco
though the B. Mail Co were paid freight
same as Stanley.
ease inform me how the payment
Blake amounts to £109.15.7 as per
tement 110.
fifty pounds credited to Mr Lewis was
Auditors acct 1073 & 1074 as per Ledgr
ease order Weeks News for J. King Jun.
artin wishes to discontinue English Mechanic

Please pay Mrs Margaret Collie (Eightyfour) 80 . .
c/o Balmoral Place
Stock Bridge, Edinburgh
Mr Anderson Mate of Black Hawk
Mrs Langdon 50 . .
Mrs Phillips, Old Basing, from Jessie Phillips 10 . .
William Mackness 8
Corrie Common, Lockerbie,
Scotland from A. & Lendinning
John Grant, 45 . .
Caldowie, Jolleross Glasgow
from Duncan Grant to be crossed
City of Glasgow Bank.

Please
Advance in favour of L.V River Plate Br 100 . .
and pay N Mason on demand 9a of
J. King for a Sofa to be sent first ship
and to
the North British & Mer.le Insurance Co 7 17 6
Limit 2 nos of exchange, the 1st having
been sent per Tyrol,
Remit Reynard on Dunsmure @ 6 mth sight 193 19 4
Reynard on Dunsmure @ 30 days . 578 1 4
Ellis & Jones

Alex. Gibbs
Colonial Treasurer

Thames Hawk.

22nd Feb 1.

Sir,

My last despatch, a duplicate of which is enclosed, went per Black Hawk on the 15th inst. Since that time nothing of importance has occurred.

I wish to obtain the Directors' views with reference to the Black Hawk and the Mail service, which she has now carried on for four years. The number of passengers decreased so much last year, and she was by no means full of cargo every voyage so that her working account showed a loss. This year with an increased quantity of cargo and a larger number of passengers she may do better. Against the small profit realized you must set the unfailing regularity with which the

F. Coleman. Esq.
Secretary,
London.

mails have been carried, a
consideration of great importance
if we gave it up, who could
carry it on.? If we got back
to that state of things in which
the Governor sent a mail when the
spirit moved him, would the Dns.
bers approve.? Notice about the
contract would have to be given on
30th June next if any alteration
should be proposed. It occurred
to me to demand £100 a year,
and a rise in pace to £10 and £8
instead of £6 and £3. 10/. Asking
the Government for an increased
subsidy would be of no use, it
would only be given if they could
not help themselves. I know only
of one vessel that could be made
available, the Dean' Ready,
the old Allen Gardiner, and she
is so far below the Black Hawk
in every respect that it would be
a pity to see her carrying the
mails. Your answer to this will

arrears in time for return to the Mayor, if deemed.

3. I believe that Mr Williams has written to you with reference to his account. I quite think that if would keep up he may now just through. Yrs. &c. W. Wardrop

Mr. W. Wardrop would buy the estate. She has already offered £6000, and Mr. James Wardrop authorized me the other day at last Round to go to £10,000. On this last named sum will more than cover all liabilities. I propose to say that if the Company's account is not cleared by September next he will be sold up.

4. Mr. Waterworth's hire wool to be insured at £20 per bale and hides at 25/. of the latter I have over 600 in hand. Volunteer Flats' hides should be insured for more, being very heavy, as last year. I send a rough estimate of cargo for the second vessel, all of which you will please insure. Yrs. &c. Bros

and Co. Stevenson will ship
in Mr. Dean vessel.

5. Hearing yesterday
from Capt. Dyer that he cannot
be ready before Monday next
the 26th inst., I have decided
to despatch the Sparrow Hawk at
once, as the expence on the cargo
at Montevideo would be very heavy
if she were to arrive too late.
The Virgin of Bray has 603 bales wool
on board and will take 45 or
50 more, the wool from Lively
Island may be on board among
the last, but I am not certain
yet. I have ordered Captain
Dyer to call in Port William to be
despatched, as I have no means
of sending the passengers in time,
for certain, and I cannot conve-
niently leave for a few days yet.

6. In consequence
of a sudden rush for salt, caused
by Mr. Dean having none last
cargo, our supply is nearly exhausted.

I am therefore writing to Montevideo for 20 tons. I send also for 500 bags flour and 50 bags maize.

7. I am instructing Mr Stumpfuys to despatch a first class ship from Montevideo from 1120 to 1150 tons register to be ready to commence loading 1st May, so that she may leave about the middle of [illegible]. He mentioned £1500 to £1700 for 500 tons, but I hope he may charter more cheaply. There will be a number of passengers.

8. If Mr Stumpfuys can engage men to kill at Lyons queen bees cheap, I shall get them down with the mail, so that I may not hinder the other work.

9. The passengers for Vera of Percy will be George Hart and family and F. Biggs, a son of our foreman carpenter, who goes home for surgical advice. I have granted the latter a passage, the former is to pay

at a reasonable rate, unless the Directors think that circumstances of peculiar service entitle him to a free passage which I strongly recommend, as it will have a good effect among our regular employés.

10. I omitted to mention that the orders for goods sent per mail only included things absolutely out of stock and ordered for.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant
Geo. Gowe.
Colonial Manager.

Enclosures.

Duplicate 230
" Remarks on Chas F. Gunderson
" Statement on Chas Jansen's appr. accounts

2nd Ex. Nos 466. 467.
1st Ex. 467 for £ 369. 12. 6 on Hon Chas Ross
3 Bills of lading
Invoice forms required
Order for books for F. King
Copy Cash book & Journal for Capt
Rough estimate for 2nd arrivals cargo
Order for goods
Custom Inspns' account

Rough estimate of Cargo per second vessel

Company	400 casks	tallow
	200 bales	Wool
	1,200	Hides
	100 bales	Sheepskins
Holmested & Blake	600	Hides
J L Waldron	1,000	"
A Pitaluga	1,000	"
J. V Bonner	700	"
D°	35 bales	Wool
J. L. Waldron	130	" "
R. Greenshields	60	" "
Baillon Bros	60	" "
Smith & Cameron	25	" "

Summary

Tallow	400 casks
Wool	510 bales
Hides	4,500
Sheepskins	100 bales

Stanley 22 Feb 1877.

Alex Lovell
Colonial Secretary

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Vear of Bengy

21th Feby 7.

Sir.

Enclosing duplicate of my last per Sparrow Hawk, I now despatch the Vear of Bengy with the largest cargo she has yet carried, as per accompanying manifest.

2 The Eastern Empire started on the 24th inst. but the crank shaft of her donkey engine broke, and she was obliged to anchor again. She should sail in a day or two.

I am. Sir,

Your obedient servant

Edwd Lowe.

Colonial Treasurer

Enclosures.

Disp. N° 231
2nd. Ex. £509. 12. 6
5 Bills of lading
Statement as per.
Weights of 570 bales Wool
Manifest of Vear of Bengy cargo. Remarks and Order for Goods

The Colonial Secretary London.

Remarks on Cargo ex. Vicar of Bray.

There are 7111 bales on board of which 597 are the Company's. Nos 46 to 63 are from sheep dipped in lime and sulphur, 119 is here yet, being the bale that came in too late in the Sparrow Hawk, nos. 431 to 444 are from the Bluff Cove flock dipped in McDougall.

Mr Macdiarmid wool is, with the rest, consigned to the Company; but Messrs Hudson are by his desire to be the Brokers, account sales to be rendered through the London office. Baillon Bros' wool was consigned on the same terms last year; but there was a mistake made about it on your side.

There are two cases for Weitz one for Mr Boulcher, one for Mr Hamond and some shuffle penguins and seal skeletons, if they can be got on board.

Wm Lobb
Colonial Manager

Stanley
26th February 1877

Manifest

of Cargo shipped on board the barque "Vicar of Bray," Master, Falkland Islands for London, consigned to the Falkland Islands Company London.

Marks	Nos	Description		Shippers
No Mark		1971	Hides	Falkland Islands Co.
A P		560	"	Andrez Petaluga
F.I.C°.	Sundry	597	Bales Wool	Falkland Islands Co.
J.L.W.	"	60	" "	J. L. Waldron
H+B	1/53	53	" "	Holmested + Blake
H C C	1/25. 27/34	33	" "	H. + G. Cook
—"—	26	1	" Sheepskins	Do.
No Mark		1312	Do.	Falkland Islands Co.
—"—		A quantity of Tails		Do.
C		6 cases	Salad	Do.
—"—		2 Kegs	"	Do.

Stanley. Falkland Islands.
26th February, 1877.

Edwd. Goldie.
Colonial Surveyor.

26 Febr 7

Please pay Mr George Short 200 " "
" " J. Biggs 32 6 "

Yours
Colonial Treasury.

February 7

Silver Coins per Vicar of Bray

18½	Dols @	3/- each		10	5 6
	5 Francs	4/- "		2	10 -
	Chilian Dollars	3/6 "		1	11 1
	" ½ "	1/9 "			9 6
	Italian pieces	4/- "			16 -
	Mexican Dolla-	4/- "			4 -
	Brazilian "	4/- "			16 -
	Guatemala "	4/- "			8 -
	Pistareens	3/- "		1	5 6
	Francs	9d "		1	1 9
	Sundry Coins			1	1 2
16	Peruvian 20 Cents	9d "		3	10 9
30	Chilian "	9d "		42	2 6
				£	111 0 6

Mar. 5 Vicar.
Certified Chas. Gray

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Falkland Islands &c.
Stanley, 21st March,
1877.

Sir,

I have to request that you will intimate to His Excellency the Governor that I have received instructions to send the Black Hawk to England for repairs, as soon as possible.

After running the mails constantly for upwards of four years, I find that her copper requires to be renewed, and that she is consequently liable to serious injury, if kept in the water much longer. There is also a considerable falling off in her sailing powers.

I have &c.

(Sgd.) Lavie, Lieut.
Acting Colonial Secy.
&. x x.

I propose, with Sir Lawrence's sanction, to make the next voyage the last one of the Black Hawk, and to retain the Sparrow Hawk temporarily in the service, until the former can return from England, probably until November next.

As the Sparrow Hawk is the only other vessel here classed A 1 at Lloyd's, I have confidence in offering her as the best substitute for the present mail packet.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Alex. Hood.

Colonial Secretary.