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FIC ARCHIVES

STANLEY
TO LONDON
No 145 to No 209
29 June 1872
to 15 November 1875

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I all to whom these
Presents shall come I Frederick
Edwards Cobb of Stanley in the
Falkland Islands send greeting
Whereas the Falkland Islands
Company of London Incorporated by
Royal Charter bearing date the Twenty
third day of December One thousand
Eight hundred and fifty one did by a
certain writing or letter of Attorney
dated the eighth day of June One
thousand eight hundred and sixty seven
appoint me the said Frederick Edwards
Cobb to be their true and lawful at
torney and they did thereby give and
grant unto me the said Frederick
Edwards Cobb full power and authority
to substitute and appoint in my place
one or more Attorney or Attornies
And whereas I the said Frederick Edwards
Cobb intend shortly to leave the Falkland
Islands and shall probably be absent
therefrom some considerable time and
I am therefore desirous of appointing
a substitute to act as the Attorney
of the said Company in my place
or stead during my absence pursuant
to the authority in that behalf given
to or vested in me as hereinbefore
recited Now these Presents witness
that I the said Frederick Edwards Cobb
by virtue and in exercise of the
authority for this purpose given to

vested in me by the hereinbefore
recited Instrument or Letter of
Attorney and of every other power
enabling me in this behalf DO
hereby nominate constitute and
appoint John Langdon of
Stanley in the Falkland Islands
Clerk to the said Company to
be the Attorney of the said
Falkland Islands Company in the
place or stead and during the
absence of me the said Frederick
Edward Coote for the following
purposes and with the following
powers namely To carry on the
business of the said Falkland
Islands Company in my stead
in the town of Stanley and as
far as that portion of the Company's
business is concerned which
appertains to the Office in Stanley
of the said Company and in that
respect to hold and enjoy all powers
conferred upon me the said Frederick
Edward Coote by the Instrument or
Letter of Attorney as aforesaid
and further to sell and receive
monies for sheep and cattle subject
nevertheless to the conditions
and restraints laid down in a
Letter of instructions bearing this

to be — and further during the
absence of me the said Frederick
Edward Cobb from the Falkland
Islands or until further instructions
shall be received from the Directors of
the said Falkland Islands Company
to draw a bill or bills on the Directors
of the said Company in case of need
to the amount of Five hundred pounds
Sterling (£500) such sum of Five
hundred pounds or no account and
for no purpose whatever to be
exceeded And I the said Frederick
Edward Cobb do hereby allow ratify
and confirm all and whatsoever the
said John Langdon shall lawfully do
or cause to be done in and about the
premises by virtue hereof In witness
whereof I the said Frederick Edward
Cobb have hereunto set my hand
and seal this twenty ninth day of
June One thousand eight hundred
and seventy two.

Signed by the above named
Frederick Edward Cobb in
the presence of

Falkland Islands &c.
Stanley 29th June 1872

Sir

I have the honor by this mail to forward it now becomes my duty to hand the enclosed power of attorney and to explain more fully to you the reasons for the conduct of the Company's business during my absence from the Colony.

You will observe that the power which I give you, in accordance with the duties of the Resident, is limited only to that part of the business which is carried on in Stanley & does not include Falkland Is. considered separately from the Company's interests, and, as regards Stanley itself, is confined to the management of the Company's property & business & the collection of debts due to the Company.

I am Sir
Your obedient Servant
Geo Barton
Esq.
Agent
Falkland Islands Co.
Stanley

[illegible] should any
[illegible] apply for sheep after shearing
[illegible] kindly to let them on the
same terms as I have done this year
and to the number of 1000. If you will
[illegible] I shall be glad to take the
[illegible] them, and from a list
which I shall have in part upon
[illegible] of the transaction will communicate
[illegible] for the payment, which
should be by a bill on London at 60 d/s
and certainly not longer than 90 d/s.
[illegible] you will please to write me a line,
and conclude what 7 Rotorua upon
[illegible] on them at the period arrives.

[illegible] many of the Europeans
[illegible] applications for sheep
[illegible] mentioned that you may arrange with
them for me on the same conditions
[illegible] to Mr. [illegible] It is likely that a
few extra pounds may be wanted at
shearing time, in this case you
will endeavour to provide the required
number.

The Runaways will have
to [illegible] for Mr. Smith by the
middle of October. When you hear
that Hides are ready for shipping
[illegible] them and Wheatley as
[illegible] you can. The sails on
[illegible] should be sent out with

[illegible]

Do not supply Liquor to

Cash arrangements

start with a fair balance in hand and therefore will be able to keep to full through. The Directors authorise you to draw upon them for cash during any absence in the Colony of Five Hundred pounds sterling (£500) if you find it necessary for this and you will only avail yourself of in case of need, and you must state at the time of drawing the amount of cash in hand. Of the money you can get from the Government Bank you must keep an account, this matter, for you will see that purchases for the Government of cash or Cheques must be as limited as practicably to be discontinued. Bills must not be drawn for instance for purchase of stores from a Supplier, in fact your expenditure must be limited to what is actually necessary for the purchase of produce, to which I have already alluded, which only be made in case where stores cannot be had by Barter. The settlement of accounts with Government Stores, you will receive instructions.

the Year of Duty. You will
see that this vessel is proceeded on when
necessary; but you will submit no
other expense on her account.

Pensions. From July 1st you
will find the Pensions and
Separate account. You will pay
to Colonel Colvert, and report him
upon him. Many of them upon
them about Safe having and drinking
and should have little hesitation
in dismissing that are under gardeners in
their place.

General Directions

You are dispatches to the
Governor agree with the Officials of the Colonial
Government you will sign J. Langdon
acting for J. C. Lowe, Esq. J. Langdon
in your letters to other parties you
will sign p.p. J. C. Lowe, Esq. Agr.
or agent for Mayor, as the case may
be.

You are dealing with the
Government and the officials study
to be obliging and conciliatory as
possible. You have sufficient of the
Company's history to be aware of the
unfortunate relations for a time
existing between the Government and
the Company, of the causes, and
the influence they had on the

with Spare you will therefore Sam
uel do your best to preserve the
harmony that has fortunately
existed for some time past.

You [illegible] in Stanley
being necessary at all times, and
especially on occasions for Camp
Management I beg to state, you are
not to leave town during my absence
[illegible] the exercise of a public
[illegible] without the [illegible] of a Member
of the Committee when you are of
course at liberty to consider the Camp

Mr Fell is instructed to
address his letters to you, to pre
vent delay and as you will
[illegible] Colonial correspondence you will
[illegible] forward them.

In conclusion I may
say that in matters of business
where you are in doubt you will
scarcely err better by consulting you
[illegible] than by taking
advice from outside parties, who
may probably not be disinterested.
And above all, do what you can
to preserve harmony in the
Company and Battalion,

[illegible] for beginning the Davis
Strait 60 by feet is going up now in the
Tasmanian, and hopes Thomas in your
hope that a boat will be landed in
Long Town. Two or three other houses
will be required which will
speak to you

Dec 1. Should you have a
contract against the year of the Lamb
for the last 50 feet for anything.
the King, and the King. I may am
fortune point may be attended to
which was on Christ the year, and
that is to get part out of the water
on the same Lamb and the new dep.

Dep. Besides the Walker
Creek dike which has to be altered and
completed, you must fix the dike for
another mile Bay of Fortune.

Sterling. I am engaging
from here all the Tasmanian poles, and
you must forward as many as can
be had for the vessels at St. N. Sir
Wm Lion Black. The name the
Branch got out Thomas there will be
a good supply of rails and staves.
Depart with our men and small
pulley. Then the schooled goes
to Pelican Cove you must look for
Sapient poles, rails and staves,
have a pen at the stone canal
for drawing. The Stanley matters.

Pressing wool I wish you to take the first opportunity of getting the hydraulic press put up, and when you have pressed a bale and found that it works all right, send the old press down to Walker Creek. I have a little wool here belonging to Mr Molenaar which I will send up to be pressed. I do not think it desirable to press much more heavily than the wool has been pressed.

Shearing. Hope that with the extra hands coming out this week the finishes earlier than last time. It is hardly necessary to remind you that the same care as before must be devoted to shearing the wool over - but I may add that I hope with more room in the shed you can get two classes of lots. In couching the hogs a sufficient space should be kept between one and another, into pens not to pack them close

Horses I am instructing Mr Smith to get as many horses in as he can, and shall endeavour to engage a horsebreaker in Hawkesbury. There will be a number required of course and should he require any assistance in removing them in and you have any men to spare I wish you to do so from time.

As soon as you can make it convenient you will go over to Mr Reid's Island and count Mr Spaunhield's sheep, sending the returns to Mr. Langdon, and distinguishing between the old ewes and the sheep landed since he went there. Two thirds of the wethers belong to the Company; but Mr Spaunhields will keep them until shearing time if necessary, when they must be removed.

You will also have to send a couple of hands to Spaddens Island to take account of the sheep and assist to get them on board the Fairy. A strict account of these sheep, old and young, distinguishing the lambs must be taken, and, according to present arrangements two thirds of the wethers are to be returned to Dawson & Mr Williams taking all the ewes he go. The same will be taken to Darwin, and Schnell will make arrangements for their sixth to take the Freezing to Fairy.

I think that the arrangements I have made will ensure everything going on comfortably and smoothly in the Camp; the accompanying notice to be posted on the store door will explain the positions you occupy with regard to

the men, and I hope that you, on your part, will do your best to keep up that harmony and good feeling among all which is so very desirable.

I remain, Sir,

Your obedient Servant

Chas. Lee.

Colonel Brandt

Falkland Islands &c
Stanley 29th June 1872

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for the perusal of His Excellency the Governor the Petition of the Inhabitants of Darwin Harbour.

I am also desired to state that Lieutenant Moody has been directed by His Excellency to proceed to Darwin Harbour with the Petition both to be audited by Lieutenant Moody & signatures thereto.

I also am to request that His Excellency may be furnished with a return of the number of Settlers now at Darwin Harbour, the Shepherds Estimated, and where by the Petition.

I have &c

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Falklands Islands Company.

General Order.

In announcing my approaching visit to England I have to call attention to the following brief rules I have laid down for conducting the Camp business during my absence.

1. Messrs. W. Fell and D. Smith, the Overseer and Capataz of the Ganchos respectively will exercise their functions as usual, with this important difference, that their decision in their several departments will be final, their orders absolute, no appeal to my representative in Stanley being of any avail. Messrs. Fell and Smith receive powers from me to act as if I were personally present in all matters relating to the Camp.

2. Men whose terms of service expire during my absence can renew their agreements with Mr. Langdon in Stanley, upon the recommendation of the Overseer or Capataz as the case may be.

3. No cash will be paid in Stanley without an order from Darwin, and to this rule there will be no exception.

Stanley,
29th June, 1872.

Jas. E. Cobb.
Colonial Manager

Falkland Islands Co.
Stanley, 29th June, 1872.

Sir.

During my absence from the Islands the Company's affairs in Stanley will be under the administration of Mr. Langdon, under a power of attorney from myself.

It will be a part of your duty to assist Mr. Langdon by your experience in all nautical matters, and your opinion will always be required in matters of expenditure affecting the Company vessels. The masters of the Cutter will be instructed to regard you as their ship's husband.

Should you have occasion to address the Secretary at any time, it is the desire of the Directors that communications from the Company's servants referring in any way to the Company's business are to be forwarded open through the Stanley office.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant
Lea. & Goo.

Capt. G. Dyer,
Marine Superintendent,
Colonial Secretary's
Stanley.

Fanning Islands &c.
Steamer 29th June 1872.

Sir.

During my absence you will assume charge of the garrison entirely and, in conjunction with your brother Mate, the boats crew.

You will be at liberty to discharge any of the above men, and in the event of doing so to engage others in their places.

Orders for wages for the men under your charge must be drawn out by the Storekeeper at Darwin and signed by yourself, otherwise they will not be paid.

You will be to arrange for the killing of as many sheep as you can for settlement consumption in preference to ~~mutton~~, as mutton will soon be unfit for the boiling down.

You must fix upon a convenient place where you can find the best harbour and the best place to erect the boiling down works, but not within the reef. Upon completion this order only, or if convenient may run over. The latter Steamer to proceed direction, but rather than kill sheep for hides this season.

I am &c.
Captain
Darwin Harbour

Falkland Islands.
20th June. 1872.

Sir.

I have the honour to state that Mr. John Langdon will represent me, during my absence from the Islands, both in the management of the Falkland Islands Company, and in the Belgian, Italian, and German Consulates, and I shall feel much indebted for any assistance Your Excellency may afford him in the execution of the duties of his position.

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

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

German Consulate.
Falkland Islands.
29th June, 1872.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform your Highness that I have been summoned to England on urgent private business, and that my absence will probably extend over a period of nine months. Subject to your Highness's approval I have appointed Mr. John Langdon, acting Manager of the Falkland Islands Company to attend to the duties of this Consulate during my absence.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your Highness's most obedient
humble servant
Jean Lobo.
Consul for the German Empire.

His Highness
The Chancellor of
The German Empire,
&c &c &c
Berlin.

Belgian Consulate.
Falkland Islands.
29th June, 1872.

Sir,

I have the honour to state that I am compelled to leave this place for England immediately upon urgent private affairs, and that I have, subject to your Excellency's approval, appointed Mr. John Langdon to represent me during my absence, which is likely to extend over a period of from six to nine months.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your Excellency's most obedient
humble servant
Jean Lloyd
Consul for Belgium

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

Belgian Consulate.
Falkland Islands.
29th June. 1872.

Sir.

I have the honour to report that the Belgian ship Egmont en Stoom arrived here on the 25th inst. and left again on the 28th. She brought in the crew of the brig Euachie, British barque, which foundered off ~~Cape Horn~~ last week. I further beg to enclose copy of correspondence with His Excellency the Governor on the subject of the rescue.

2. This is the first Belgian vessel that has arrived here since I received my appointment as Consul.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your Excellency's most obedient
humble servant
Sealy Coe
Consul for Belgium

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

Italian Consulate.
Fairlawn Islands.
29th June. 1872.

Sir.

I have the honour to state that I am compelled to leave this place for England immediately, upon urgent private affairs, and that I have, subject to Your Excellency's approval, appointed Mr. John Langdon to represent me during my absence, which is likely to extend over a period of from six to nine months.

I have the honour to be,
Sir
Your Excellency's most obedient humble servant
Lear & Co.
Consul for H. M.
the King of Italy.

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

Stanley. Falkland Islands.
29th June. 1872.

Sir.

As I am leaving this place for England and may be away some time I beg leave to resign my appointment as Chilian Consul. During the time I have held it there has been no Chilian vessel in the port, and the business has been so small that I have not considered it necessary to provide a substitute.

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

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

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Foreign. 29th June, 2.

Sir,

I have but little to add to my last despatch, save to call attention to the enclosures, which contain I believe the largest remittance ever made by a single mail.

2. Mr Waldron's bill is forwarded this time; but is to remain in your keeping until 1st October, as I agreed that I would arrange for it to not falling due until 1st April.

3. The Europa sailed on the 19th and the Sea Witch on the 22nd.

4. I am leaving myself this mail for England.

5. The Belgian ship Egmont + Hoorn brought in the crew of the brig Charlie, from Liverpool for Callao which foundered off the Horn last week. The barque Prince Maurice is likely to leave very shortly.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant

Edw. Eliot.

Colonial Treasury

J. Coleman, Esq

Secretary,

Londres.

Enclosures.

Duplicate Despatches Nos 1 & 2. 3. 4.
3rd Exchange No. 292. 3
2nd " " 289. 295. 6.
1st " for £ 1,245. 7. 6
1st " " 17. 13. 5
Endora's corrected P/c for Capt. Turnbull & Co's
Egmont en Norm P/c
Items to Plant & Utensils & Buildings erected
½ B/L of Endora's Cargo
½ B/L " Sea Witch
Remarks on Cargo pr. Endora'
Manifest of do do
Remarks on Accounts
Correspondence with Collector of Customs
Capt. Mc Leod receipt for Duty free Spirits
Account sale of 2 Cs Iron £2. 1. 8.
Correspondence relating to Damaged Iron
Survey on Endora's Cargo
Duplicate of Letters to Governor 28 June "2
do do " Dyer 29 " " & Cameron 29 June
do Instructions to Langdon, Fell & Smith
do Power of Attorney

Belgian Consulate.
Tasmania Islands.
28th June. 1872.

Sir.

On behalf of the Master of the Belgian Ship Egmont en Stoom I have the honour to apply to your Excellency for a remission of the pilotage dues, which I think your Excellency will be fit to grant, when I say that the sole cause of the vessels putting in here was having to land the crew of the British barque Craig Mackie, which foundered off Cape Town.

I shall also be glad if your Excellency will mention to the Board of Trade that the Master of this vessel expressed compensation for the services he rendered.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your Excellency's most obedient
humble servant,
Jean L. Coe.
Consul for Belgium.

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

No 6.

Roam 30 June 2.

Sir,

Since closing my last despatch, the Prince Hassan's repairs have been completed and by working late last evening, I am able to forward Captain Passton's draft on his Owners for £2 6s. 15. 0, he expresses great satisfaction at his quick despatch.

2. Captain Pache has completed his purchase of 1,000 Cwts &c a draft on Sir Samuel Scott &c a 90 days sight.

3. Against the above remittances I have given Capt. George Dyer a draft on the Directors for £50 my cash having fallen so low, that I could not spare the money for him to buy a Government Bill.

I am, Sir,

Your obed.t Servant

F. Coleman Esq.r J. Langdon.

acting for T. E. Cobb

London. Col.l Manager.

Enclosures:

No.1 exchange for £2 6 8. 15. 0

No.2 do Shipping Report £60. 0. 0

Prince Hassan's &c.

No 1
Sam'

Sk^d. Aug^t 2.

Sir,

I have the pleasure to acknowledge your despatches N^os 435, 6, 7. N^o 435 arrived per 'Hawkesbury' on 22 ult^o and the two latter were delivered on the 31^st instant.

435,2 Par 2. The men will all be required for the Company's own flocks and 4 qualified shepherds will prove of great service at the sheiling.

436,2 Par 2. I am glad you have shipped some Spirits of Nit, for it would be a great saving in charges. I do approve that it is proving so beneficial, for the Sheep have never been so free of Scab or so healthy as they are at the present time.

437,2 Par 4. This is indeed cheering and I have no doubt will

H. Ellerman Esq^r

Secretary

London.

e a regular occurence from this time.

437. 3. Par 5. In the course of a few years I think the Cheviot will be the only breed of Sheep reared in the Falklands, as all the settlers agree that they are the most profitable, and most suitable to the climate than any other.

Par 6. Among the enclosures you will find the Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statement. I am happy to be able to show such an healthy state of affairs as the above accounts prove, the Profit being over £55,000 which would have been considerably increased had the unfortunate loss of the 'Lord' not occured. The Store does not show so much profit as it might, but it must be taken into consideration that it was entirely out of necessaries for 3½ months out of the 12 months.

Par 7. I forward the Brunette's account and have two other vessel consigned to the Comp[y]

one an Italian which will discharge into the W. Strand as soon as she can get in this Harbour.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant
J. Langdon
Acting for H. E. Cook
Colt. Mag.

Enclosures

Duplicate Despts Nos 145.6.
Stanley Wages 31 March & 30 June.
Carey Wages & Balances 31 June.
2 p/c of Sea Watch.
Stock Return.
Cash Book & Journal for June & July.
Cash Vouchers May, June & July.
Ledger Balances 30 June.
Balance Sheet.
Profit & Loss Statement.
Journal Entry for April.
Shipping List
Memo Stores run out
Nautical &c & Ex. Exchange for £31.19.11
Buildings & Plant 18/1/2.
Wool Weights p. 'Eudora'
Griffin's account
2nd Exchange Nos 297, 298, 301.302.
3rds " Nos 289, 295, 296.
Copy Letters H. C. Smith 9 & 16 July
Copy Letters H & from W. Hall 22nd July 25&29 & 30th Aug
Stanley & Darwin Stock & Stores 2 July
Movable Property.

June 2

Buildings erected 1871/2.

Walker Creek	Wool Shed	120.0.0
Island	" House	100.0.0
Lion	" "	100.0.0
North West Arm	"	100.0.0
		£420.0.0

Additions to Plant 1871/2

Ships Screws	45.15.0
Wool Press	184.17.2
Weighing Machine	1.6.6
Copper Wire &c	15.7
	£232.14.9

H. Langdon

№148

'Envoy'

17 Aug.t 2.

Sir,

This vessel having put in yesterday for water, & take the opportunity of writing by her.

2. The 'Cecilia' will be completed next week, the fire is out in the Italian barque 'Virgo' and she is now being lightened by the 'Perseverance' and I hope will float at tomorrows spring tide, when she will discharge into the N. Grand, I am afraid her coals will not be worth transhipment, being so much damaged by fire, for on the 2.d day after she was scuttled the water was so hot I could scarcely bear my hand in it, although there was 20 ft of water in her.

(H. Coleman Esq)

Secretary,

London.

if condemned, she would make an excellent hulk being 995 tons register, her owner is Mainette & Schiaffino, Genoa. The Prussian schooner Fancy will not leave this port (at least for her present owners) as her repairs will cost more than $ should feel justified in advancing, (the bracing her main pitaks broken, main and mizen mast sprung and as far as can be seen badly strained) the vessel having on this voyage put into Pernambuco and incurred £1,000 expenses in repairs, recoopering, caulking &c leaving that port with a bottomry bond of £7,000 on her, she is discharging into the store for further survey, as I have no hulk for her and did not feel inclined to pay Mr Dan £2. 6. 8 per day for the Cooper while the store is so empty, she would make a very good small hulk, the Company's present hulks are only fit for firewood.

3. The news from the Camp

is very cheering, there being every prospect of an excellent crop and planting, the winter has been unusually fine and mild.

The Blanch is still out.

A general cargo is much wanted, & three vessels and not a single pound of biscuit peas or beans to supply them with, both the Cecilia & Davy's provisions are spoiled.

Cash in hand £301. 17. 7.

I am
Sir,
Your obedient Servant
J. Langdon
Acting for H. C. Ebb
Col. Magt

Enclosures.
Duplicate Despch No. 147.
3rd Exchange Nos 297, 8, 300, 301
2nd " No. 303.
Dup. Profit & Loss Statement
" Balance Sheet
" Balances 30 June 72.
Owner's address of Schr Mandarin.

16th Aug.t 2.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge Your Excellency's letter of yesterday's date and to thank your for the information therein.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Excellency's most obedient humble servant

J. Langdon

Acting for T. E. Ede

Col. Manag.

His Excellency

Colonel D'Arcy

Governor

&c &c &c

21 Augt 2.

Sir,

Understanding that M. Greenfields has applied for a lease of Land adjoining this Company's Leaseholds. I beg most respectfully to call Your Excellency's attention to the great inconvenience this Company will experience from the said lease being granted, as it will be impossible to keep the flocks pastured on the said land from straying on to this Company's property and vice versa, and will therefore be the cause of continual disputes.

Trusting Your Excellency will take the above into consideration before granting the said Lease

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Excellency's most

obedient humble servant

J. Langdon

Acting for T. E. Coy

Coll. Manager

His Excellency

Colonel D'Arcy

Governor

&c &c &c

No 9

'Cecilia'

via Valparaiso

30th August 9.

Sir,

My last went by the Envoy on 19th instant, duplicate of which I reserve for next opportunity, it being probable that the 'Southern Cross' will proceed to 'Sandy Point' in a few days to land the crew of the Rippling Wave, Mr Dean having bought that Schooner for £600, she is a fine craft of about 120 tons.

The 'Cecilia' is only waiting for a change in the wind to get out of this harbour, the Captain's draft for £259.15.9 is enclosed.

The 'Tenya' is still discharging should she be condemned, she would make an excellent hulk. Capt.n Dyer thinks her cheap at £500 to £2000

H. Coleman Esq.

Secretary

London.

that amount am I to bid in the event of a sale taking place? I shall persuade the Captain to delay until I receive your reply.

The Mandarin having been further surveyed, the carpenter estimates roughly that to repair here she would cost about £1,500. Capt. Dyer and Biggs consider if she could be bought for from £300 to £500 she could be repaired sufficiently for a voyage with a light cargo to England for a small amount, and properly finished at home for about £600 when she would make an excellent vessel for trade to this place her hull being good and recoppered on this present voyage, her cargo is being transhipped per Satsuma the Branch being still out.

The accounts from the camp are still good. Messrs Dean and Pache have received their sheep and are well satisfied with them. Mr Williams

has just completed removing his sheep. The heavy loans on his account place me in a very poor financial position. my cash balance being only £9 with orders outstanding for Mr Williams for £110, £187.10/- and several smaller amounts.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

J. Langdon

Acting for F. E. Cotton

Col. Manager

Enclosures.

1st Exchange for £259.15.9

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H. I. & R. Steamer Hertha 11 Sept. 2.

Sir,

The German Corvette Hertha being bound to Plymouth I take the opportunity to forward duplicates Nos. 148, 149.

2 The Blanche arrived on 31st ult. she is discharging quickly, the Passengers speak very highly of Capt. Care, & herewith send the certificate of their landing.

3. As arranged before Mr. Cobb left I have allowed Captain Laws to take a puncheon of Rum free of duty to Rio Negro, on applying to the Collector of Customs for the drawback he refused to allow the same referring me to his letter of 27th June, copy of which you already have. Would it not be worth while writing to the Colonial Office on this matter? for it is several pounds out of the Company's pocket in a year; shipping will not take spirits now solely on account of the duty.

I must close being exceedingly busy.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Serv.
J. Langdon
Acting for J. C. Cobb
Coll. Manager

Enclosures
Dups: Nos 148, 9.
Landing Certificate.
3rd Exchange No. 303
2 " for £259-15-9
1st " " £603 5 0
Cecilia's mate

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2nd Aug: 2.

Sir,

Having occasion to export some Rum, I shall feel obliged if you will inform me whether it is necessary that the Custom's Seal should be placed on the same for the purpose of claiming the drawback.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. Langdon

acting for T. E. Cobb,

Colonial Manager

Geo. Travis Esq

Collector of Customs

&c &c &c

Stanley

Stanley 13th September 1892.

Capt Degerstino.

Barque "Lyra"

Stanley Harbour.

Dear Sir.

In reply to your letter of 12th inst. I shall be most happy to post your cargo up to Public Auction to the best possible advantage on Tuesday next.

Your Obedient

J. Langdon

Auctioneer

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Foam 30 Sept.r 2.

Sir,

My last went per 'Hertha' on 12th instant, since then I have received your despatches Nos 438, 9. with enclosures. My despatch No. 136 was forwarded per 'Heathpark' and dated 16th April; your instructions regarding shipping reports shall be carried out in future.

2 – 438 Par 2. This was fore-stalled in Despatch No. 139 and will be continued when possible.

3 – 438 Par 3. A large general cargo is much needed, the store being quite out of necessaries. I was obliged to purchase many articles required by the 'Hertha' at high prices, (for instance rice at 4½d per lb; when the Company's retail price was 3d) this also applies to all the other vessels, whose business I have. There is not a single sheet of copper

F. Edeman Esq,
Secretary,
London.

copper in the Colony and unfortunately the 'Egeria' requires a little. I hope the 'Laforia' will make a quick passage.

4 – 438 Par 4. This is indeed good news and I have no doubt will be an annual occurrence from this time.

5 – 438 Par 6. Mr Cobb will be better able to answer this in person.

6 – 438 Par 7. Should it be decided to sell the 'Diver of Bray's' coals they will not be worth more than 15/- per ton, the 'Turzo's' (1,345 tons) having only realized about 5/3 per ton I have bought 300 tons.

7 – 438 Par 9. This is a great pity; for the labourers are already standing out for wages. I have been obliged to pay 10/- per day for ship work.

8 – 438 Par 11. The donkey engine is at work discharging the Egeria, but the Captains who have had the use of it, consider it a very common one and are afraid to work it at more than half its pressure. The spring of the safety valve seems out of order for it blows off when screwed down to

go. She did shearing only 30.

2 - 439 Par 3. According to instructions left me by Mr Cobb I have already arranged for the disposal of 2,200 sheep at 15/- (and Mr J. Bonner has partly arranged for some) to be delivered after the shearing. I have still 1,800 left to complete the number free for sale this season, but shall decline selling anymore until further advices arrive on this subject.

10 - 439 Par 5. Owing to the heavy payments on account of Mr Williams and the other West Falkland settlers, I am in a very poor financial position scarcely knowing where to raise money to pay the carpenters &c, employed on the Egeria I have therefore sold a draft on the Directors for £50, which I recommend to your protection as well as one on Mr Melian for the same amount; to cover which I enclose drafts for £211. 3. 6. I believe I can say that the Company never had so many vessels at one time as I have now viz 3 English 3 German and 1 Italian, 4 others having sailed since 1st July, The Egeria's account will I expect exceed £600, chiefly labour

so that I shall be hard pushed for cash, having no stores to bring any in.

11 - 439 Par 6. This agency shall have my attention should any of the vessels call here.

12 - 439 Par 7. The delay is very annoying. Mr Dean is fitting out his schooner to be called the 'Orissa' with the hopes of getting the Mail Service, in fact applied for it, but H. E. Governor D'Arcy told me "that he hoped the 'Laponia' would be in time for the November mail.

13. Please pay the North Britsh & Mercantile Insurance Co £1.11.6 being premium received from Dr Watts; also I shall feel obliged if you will pay my sister Mrs Jargison £20 and charge the same to my account.

14. The 'Blanch' is discharged the goods turning out in good condition, Capt'n Care is the most accommodating Shipper I have ever come across. He does not send his clean Bill of Lading this mail, preferring to wait until he has

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completed ballasting, so that all his expenses can be deducted from the freight.

15 - It would have been much better if the boiling down apparatus had been delayed for the Wood Ship, as none of the Schooners here can take in down their ballasts, and having no cranes it is very awkward and expensive to land such heavy articles, and unfortunately I had no other alternative than to land and wait the return of the 'Fairy' from Rio Negro, she being the only likely craft to carry it. The Hydraulic Press is fitted up, but the overseer having to go into 'Laforia' I have not yet heard how it answers.

16. If you could send a flat iron scow to carried about 10 tons with a crane fitted in the stern, it would be of great service, the present one being nearly worn out and not fit for removing the donkey engine about.

17. There is every prospect of an excellent lambing and clip this season, Mr Waldron informs me he never saw the sheep looking so well before and the same is reported by every body who goes into the camp.

I must now conclude being very tired having worked late all the week and all day sunday.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant

J. Langdon

Acting for F. E. Cobb

Col. Manager

Enclosures.

Duplicate No 150.

3rd Lx: No 304

2nd " " 305

1st " for £62.0.9

do do 42.1.4

do do 107.1.5

Salsuma's a/c

City of Amoy's a/c

H. Oerrig Svendorf's a/c

Cash Vouchers for August

Jrl & Cash Book for August

Dup Landing Certificate.

Shipping Report

List of Stores run out.

Produce Return

List of Stores received in the Co. Company Store at Stanley

Cabin & Navy Biscuit packed in Flour Sacks
Tea
Coffee
Chocolate
Dried Fruits
Jams
Cheese & Butter
Sardines Salmon Lobsters Oysters
Sauces Sweets &c (a large quantity of Worcestershire
Potted Meats Pickles &c
Clothing
Blankets & Mattress
Saddle Trees.
" Pads.
Oatmeal
Soap
Candles
Carbonate of Soda
Bk Powder
Crockery especially Cups & Saucers.
Shot
Gun Caps
Principles
Pepper
Vinegar
Worcestershire
Brandy
Port Wine
Sherry
Stout

Continued

Draft Ale.
Pearl Barley
Rice
Peas & Beans
Irons Boots
Womens "
Childs "
Boot Laces
Muscatel Raisins
Sultana "
Almonds
Fancy Biscuits
Figs
Whiskey, Cordials, and other stuff for Womens dress
Womens Hats & Bonnets.
Mens Hats & Caps. Much wanted
Pipe Salt in Brick
Tobacco not a Duty in Stanley
Wax Matches
Rope Manilla 2. 2½ 3. 3½ in
Manilla 2. 2½ 3 3½ 4. 5". "
Hemp 2 & 3. "/ thread
Whiteline
Houseline
Ambon Line
Ratline 18 & 21 Threads.
Open
Sail Twine & Spun

5th Oct. 2.

Sir,

Owing to the number of vessels now in the harbour requiring the assistance of carpenters it is impossible for me to obtain sufficient from the civil population to meet the demand, I therefore humbly pray Your Excellency to grant me the services of as many of the Government carpenters as you can spare.

I have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's

most obedient & humble

Servant

J. Langdon

acting for H. to. Coll

Col. Manager

His Excellency

Col. D'Arcy

Governor

&c &c &c

Stanley

25th Oct. 2.

Sir,

I hereby give you notice that this Company will pay to the Colonial Government the rent of Mr C.H. Williams leaseholds when due if he is still absent from the Colony and respectfully request you will kindly give me timely notice of the date.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant

J. Langdon

Acting for H. C. Cobb

Colonial Manager

H. Byng Esq

Col. Secretary

&c &c &c

Stanley

Falkland Islands Co
To Mr Chamosa

126	Bull Hides	20	126	.	.
201	Cow "	13/6	135	13	6
47	lbs Horse Hair			13	8½
148	" Tails	3/2	2	3	2
909	" Tallow	"	13	5	1½
		£	277	15	6
	less Store 9/c		32	17	2
		£	244	18	4

Amount due to Chamosa
£244. 18. 4 and hones to be
accounted for

Stanley 8 Nov. 1872

F I Co
J Langdon

118	Bull Hides
204	Cow
5	Calf
327	

12th Nov. 2.

Sir,

I regret much to be obliged to complain of the Government Pilots as follows:- Jas Anderson when he boarded the "Egeria" strongly recommended the Captain (before the shore boats could get along side) to transact his business with Messrs Dearden, also Ratcliff did the same on board the "Star of India", as such proceedings are extremely detrimental to this Company's interests (strange Captains supposing Government Pilots to be well informed in such matters) and feeling confident that His Excellency the Governor will not allow such things to occur, I earnestly request that you will put a stop to the above.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. Langdon

Acting for H. E. Cobb

Col. Manager

H. N Byng Esq

Colonial Secretary

&c &c &c

Stanley.

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Foam

15 June 2.

Sir,

Since my last dated 30th ult.o I have received your despatches Nos 1 to 4 inclosures.

4. per No 40. The Vessel of Mr will I believe be worth repairing and would then do to carry a cargo to England, her bottom is considered excellent, she makes very little water.

3. per No 4. I have pointed out to Captain Dyer that this is a most improper proceeding and that he is sure to be overhauled if she ever again, has more than a certain tally in her and in case of disputes it is best always to enquire what the disputed number would be entered on the bill of lading. Do not act on any consideration be pray this Dyer more than the six pounds per month.

2. per No 5. This I have carried out, the price being now 4 6d p.M.

5. per No 6. This delay is very

J. Coleman Esq.

Secretary,

London.

arranging, in allowing Turner to bring his goods to empty market. The Owners is greatly disappointed with the number of Shepherds coming for 'Intact Hawk' - she requiring at least 10 or 12 more. The new Schooner is to commence the mail service on 1st January next.

6. No 440 J. This cargo is much needed, the store being quite out of necessaries, and for fear the Schooner may not bring any coffee I am obliged to send to Montevideo for sufficient to supply the Colonies.

7. The Owners informs me that he expects and anticipates at least 1 lb per sheep more wool on most of the flocks, there being no appearance of scab, I hope to be quite prepared for the Produce Vessel in march.

8. The Ceres having discharged about 500 tons of cargo was again surveyed on the 9th inst and reported to be so much damaged, that she would cost much more to render her value to repair the Captain therefore omits his owners instructions, her account is over £450. She would make an excellent Mail Capt Dyer and Briggs consider the hull

would be cheap at from £400 to £600 or as she stands at £1500. If sold here Dean will certainly try and prevent the Company getting her, for whenever I have a vessel requiring a dry dock, there is no alternative but to hire Mr Dean's, and we lose many vessels simply on this account. Capt. Dyer informs me that Mr H. Shand must before long be moved alongside the jetty or she will disappear when it is blowing hard for she makes more water than ever even since surveyed, and is totally unfit for any dry cargo. I am now repairing the Lord Melbourne belonging to the Merchants Trading Co of Liverpool, her account will exceed £500.

9. Mr Williams leaves by this mail for England, she has concerned the deed arranged by Mr Cobb.

10. I am in a very precarious position, the payments on ship's accounts having drained me entirely and there are no stores to bring anything in: I have therefore been obliged to give Capt Laird a draft for £35, and must request you to pay the following, as I could not pay the cash here, to John

Spittle, Arthur House, Lyndhurst Road, Farnboro Thirty Pounds (£30) from Capt. Marsden, Thos North, Old Basing, Basingstoke Two Pounds (£2) from Jam Jennings, Mess.rs Cunningham & Hollis, 5 Mount St: Grosvenor Square, London, Five Pounds (£5) from P. Fisher and W. B. Smith Five Pounds 10/4 on G. G. Rees account, on presentation of his cheque for that amount, against which I forward the Balance, verified account for £201.10.10 and hope to get the Star of India settled in time.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant
P. Langdon
Acting for H. G. Cobb
Col. Manager

Enclosures.

Distr. Dept.r N.o 151.
3.rd Exchange N.o 305
2.nd " " N.os 306, 7. 110.
Egeria's Survey (Copy)
do Accounts do
Gal & Cash Book Sept, 30
Cash Vouchers Sept, 30
Ledger Balances 30 Sept
Stanley Wages " "
Stamp " "
Certificate Shipping Report 30 Sept
Shipping Report

Balance certified £201.10.10
1.st Exchange N.o 2237. 1. 9
Produce Return 12 Voys.
List of Timber required
Remarks on Stores & Blanch

12 Nov. 2.

Remarks on Cargo ex Blanch

The boat was considered too small & too heavy for the 'Perseverance' so I sold her for £20. The Jewellery sold immediately except the Solitaires realizing 200 per cent a few chains say ¼ doz long and ¼ doz short & thirds would sell well, also ¼ doz watches of same material. The milk cans were not damaged, Had there been 6 times the quantity of garden Seeds they would have sold at once. The 1 cwt bags of Salt are the most convenient. Knife cleaners sold directly. Spars all more or less mouldy with decay in fact the largest one scarcely can size to a yard for the 'Leopard', there is not a single one without measurements Same also applies to the logs per 'Endora' Not one you can mention would have been refused for 'Star of India' rudder had there been another piece obtainable, Spars and logs for Carpenter purposes are always inferior to Mr Evans.

J. Langdon
Acting for H. E. Colt
Colt's Manager.

Falkland Islands Co.

Stanley Nov 14th 1872.

List of Timber &c required

Three logs of Oak to be picked without any sign of heart rot, and of the following measurements

1 Oak log 36 feet long and 24 inches Square
1 " " 34 " " " 22 " "
1 " " 30 " " " 20 " "

Also four Spars for Yards to measure as follows

2 Spars to be 70 feet in length and 18 inches in the Slings
2 " to be 65 " " " and 16½ i in the Slings
100 Solid deals 21 feet long 3 × 9
a quantity of prepared flooring 1¼ inch
a quantity of Sea therredge bording 9 inches wide
a " of Bulwark bording 1½ in × 8 in "
a " " " 2 × 8 " "
a large quantity of Scantling 3 × 3 and 4½ × 3
Also a quantity of Company's Invoices as we are nearly out.

Consulate of the
German Empire
Port Stanley 14 Novr 1872.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of Your Highness' communications of 31st May and 22nd August, in reply to the first I believe Mr Cobb sent the required information before he left this colony.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Highness' most obedient & humble servant

F. Langdon
Acting for F. E. Cobb
Consul

His Highness
The Chancellor of the
German Empire
&c &c &c
Berlin

Consulate of the
German Empire
Port Stanley 14 Nov.r 1872.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of Your Excellency's communication of 29th June, contents of which shall have my most careful attention. On the 10th September last His Imperial Majesty's Corvette 'Hertha' arrived at this port and sailed on 12th for Plymouth.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your Excellency's most
obedient & humble servant,
J. Langdon
acting for J. E. Cobb
Consul.

His Excellency
The Ambassador of
His Majesty The Emperor
of Germany
&c &c &c
London.

Consulate for the
German Empire
Stanley 14th Nov. 1872

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that by this packet I send two Seamen viz Mr. Smith and Jacob Starbold who were left at this port by the German barque H. Cornig Svendorf through sickness, the former Mr. Smith I have compelled to pay his own passage he having refused to ship in a vessel offered him, although pronounced to be able to perform his duty as a seaman by the naval Doctor of this port.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your obedient servant
pp H. E. Cobb
Consul
J. Langdon

His Excellency
The Consuls for the
German Empire
&c &c &c
Montevideo

29 Dec. 2.

Sir,

This Company having supplied several of Her Majesty's Vessels last year under arrangement made with the Admiralty in London I shall be most happy to supply the following at undermentioned prices viz.

Powells Duffryn Steam Coal @ 35/- pr ton
Beef @ (three pence) 3 pr lb
Mutton @ (Four pence) 4 " "

At the same time I may as well mention that this Company's are the only coals of the above description in the Islands.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant
J. Langdon
Acting Coll. Manager

Capt. A.S. Strode
&c &c &c
H.M.S. Pylades

Italian Consulate
Stanley, Falkland Islands.
28th December 1872.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge Your Excellency's communication dated the 19th October and to inform Your Excellency that the Italian barque 'Terzo' arrived in this port on 13th August with her cargo on fire, when she was run on shore and scuttled to prevent any further damage.

I am happy to state that all on board were in good health and that no injury had occurred to any of them. Referring to Mr Dino Alexandro Borgna he was well and in excellent spirits and sailed from this port on 5th October on board the British barque 'Tahama' bound to San Francisco.

I regret to say one of the 'Terzo's crew Domenico Liazza was convicted by a jury on the 10th October of having had carnal knowledge of the Captain son and was sentenced to 10 years penal servitude.

I have the honour to be,
Your Excellency's
Most obedient Humble Servant
pp F. E. Cobb, Consul
J. Langdon.

His Excellency
The Minister of Marine
&c &c &c
Rome.

German Consulate

No. 4.739. Stanley, Falkland Islands

31st December 1879.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge Your Excellency's communication dated 24th Sept.r & in reply I do not think it necessary to appoint Consular Agents for my district at present.

I beg also to inform Your Excellency that the following German Vessels have called at this port viz: the 3 mast Schooner 'Mandarin' arrived on 15th August and remains condemned here, she is very badly strained and m.rs bts rotten; on 10th September His Majesty's Corvette 'Hertha' Commander Köhler arrived and sailed again

His Excellency

The Ambassador

of the German Empire

&c &c &c

London.

on the 1st for Ply outh the the same day the D.r Dade, Captain Reimers came in having lost his boats and thrown overboard some portion of his cargo off Cape Horn; on the 23rd the barque H. Oemig Svendorf, Capt.n Dade arrived to land the sick seamen and sailed again on 30th for Hamburg: on 13th October the barque Doneldey Capt.n Laura arrived with loss of rudder head, which was repaired and she proceeded on 1st November the 'Germania' arrived in ballast on 26th instant and waits a favourable wind to sail again.

I have the honour to be

Your Excellency's

Most obedient humble servant

pp H. E. Cobb
Consul

J. Langton

No 5
Black Hawk 31 Dec.r 2.

Sir,

My last was dated 15th. ultimo since which I have received on 28th. ult.o your despatch No. 441, and on 25th. instant despatches Nos. 442, 3, 4 with enclosures.

2. The Black Hawk anchored in this harbour at mid-night on 28th. ult.o having experienced some heavy weather which sprung her fibboom in two places. Capt.n Campbell informs me he complained of the slightness of his Topmasts & Jibboom before leaving England; the Carpenter also agrees with him that they are not strong enough for Falkland Island gales, so for further precaution I have given her the Wire Rigging that was in the Store to make

H. Coleman Esq
Secretary
Admiralty
London.

preventive backstays of. On the 29th ult the most severe gale ever remembered by the oldest inhabitants from the Eastward accompanied with snow hail and torrents of rain took place, lasting for about 30 hours, the force of which caused nearly every vessel in the harbour to drag their anchors The 'Black Hawk' unfortunately carrying away the jibboom of a small schooner, but doing no damage to herself, while Mr. Deans 'Malvina' broke from her moorings carrying away half his jetty and damage to herself roughly estimated at from £200 to £250.

3. Nos 441, 443 Par 2, 3. I immediately took the 'Vicar of Bray's' Bills of Sale for endorsement and have taken the necessary steps regarding her coals, the greatest caution and care shall be exercised in this business.

4. Nº 442 Par 1. This shall have my attention and be carried out in future.

5 Nº 443 Par 1. These stores are

much wanted, the 'Black Hawk's' cargo being nearly all sold as per enclosed list of requirements will show.

6 N° 443 Par 2. This shall have proper attention when the 'Francis' arrives, it was impossible to get any satisfactory account from the 'Chisellhurst', the Captain asserting that he had even used some of his own provisions for the passengers.

7. N° 443 Par 5. Mr Stellwagen are not entered in Carry Returns owing to an account being kept for him in the Stanley Office Books, the Camp Returns being of course made up from the Darwin Books.

8. N° 443 Par 8. I hope you will not send any Coals, the Colony is stocked with this commodity for at least the next three years, but bricks are much needed as well as deals. Regarding the School-master, the Rev? Yeoman wished me to inform you that although

had written you on the subject
is now of opinion that it is
not necessary there being only
a family to educate regularly viz
the Overseer", the Engineer will
be very useful more especially if
you send out the Steam Launch.
don't think you can complain
of the remittances which have
exceeded £[illegible] in the last six
months, while unfortunately £[illegible]
are locked up for the present on the
'Algeria' and 'Oxford's' accounts.

9. No 443 P. Scrip. I shall
write Mr Watson by the first chance,
and see if he intends sending any
Hides via Montevideo.

10. No 444 Part 1. The stock
of steam coals are mentioned in
my produce returns, forwarded by
the last two mails, since which no

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alteration has occurred.

M. No. 444 Par 3. The 'Mandarin' was not condemned by any persons connected with the Islands, but by Commander Klöhker of the 'Hertha' The 'Terzo' is now waiting instructions which the Captain expects by return of 'Black Hawk'; As far as I can learn she can be repaired here, but of course she must go into dry dock having been on shore twice.

12. No. 444 Par 4. A copy of Mr. Williams's mortgage and his draft was sent in despatch No. 152. Mr. Williams while in Montevideo drew on the Company for £34.15/- although I distinctly told him when he hinted that he might make some purchases that I should

not be prepared to pay for them. I have therefore referred Mess.rs Cuthbert Brae & Co to you for as Mr Williams was still in Montevideo when the Bill[s] was accepted & acknowledged this order he may possibly draw more. Had I known that he cashed an order drawn by Cap.t Waldron for £39 I might before he sailed & should have reduced his advance from Cap.t Nelson accordingly. Perhaps I do him wrong in being so suspicious but I do not like the careless manner in which his affairs seem to have been managed here.

13. No 444 Par.t. This was delivered directly but no reply yet received.

14. No 444 Par.t. Hope the squadron may call for them & might possibly reduce the steam coals sufficiently to clear out & dues before leaving anywhere else.

15. № 444. Par 8. The Shepherds have arrived with the exception of A. Smith, their landing certificate is now returned together with that of the 'Black Hawk's' passengers.

16. In my last I informed you that the 'Oxford' was being repaired, she was within a few days of completion when her crew requested the Government to hold a survey on her masts which unfortunately were found to be rotten, therefore this vessel now awaits orders. Captain Woodward not being disposed to take upon himself the expense of new masts which at the best would only be built ones, as there are no spars large enough in the Islands, should you buy the 'Egeria' her foremast might come in for the 'Oxford', this delay is very annoying for I expected to send

her draft by this opportunity.

17. Tenders are invited for the purchase of the 'Foam' & of course shall not have anything to do with her; although unless you send another vessel about size of 'Perseverance' the work cannot be got through to give anything like attention to the West Falkland Settlers orders.

18. I must again urge on the Directors to send out an iron scow for nothing can be done to the present scow which is quite worn out, and unless a vessel can get alongside the snow squall, discharging will proceed very slowly with only boats and be exceedingly expensive.

19. I have made the contract with the Government for 'Black Hawk' a new sight 'rigs as

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for instead Lime Table. I stood out until yesterday for £800 (Eight Hundred) but was obliged to give way, the Governor showing me a despatch from the Colonial Office allowing him to make the contract with the Company on the same conditions as those proposed for 'Ceres' viz £760 Seven Hundred & sixty Pounds. His Excellency inform me that he could not give more without first consulting the home authorities in which case the 'Black Hawk' would have to wait reply, so I thought it better to accept the contract on the terms offered, the passengers fares this trip will be about £60.

20. Since writing the foregoing I have at last succeeded in getting Captain Woodward to draw for his account to this date viz: £602.10.9 against which having no cash I have been compelled to sell drafts for £52

which I commend to your protection
I have also been obliged to give the pro-
hibition a draft on Nelson for £20
in payment of Shepherd's passages
including £6.5.- on Mr Williams
account. You will see the necessity
of my drawing by the heavy cash
payments on Ship's account. Mr
Waldron request you to pay on behalf
of Captain Hansen the sum of £10.0.-
to Mr John Spittle, Arbour House, Lynchford
Road, Farnboro.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant

J. Langdon

Acting for J.C. Gibb

Col. Manager

Enclosure

Duplicate No. 452.
2nd exchange No. 302.
Mr Williams account.
Gal & Cash Books for Nov.
Blanch's certified account
Duplicate Shipping Report to Nov 12.
Star of India's account.
Oxfords account.
Receipt for Passengers per 'Black Hawk'
do " 'Thames & Foam'
do
Mail Contract (copy)
1st exchange for £ 134.10.6
1 " do £ 602.10.9