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No 1

Stanley September 13th, 1858

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Sir

I arrived here by the "Victoria", on Sunday, the 29th ult, after a passage of nearly 12 days, & delivered to Mr Havers your Letter of the 8th May. On the following day I presented to him the Power of Atty in my favour, & requested that the Cash, in his hands, might be handed to me.

2. In consequence of Mr Haver's answr not being satisfactory, & in reference to other subjects of conversation, I thought it better to write him the Letter of the 30th ult, of which, & of his reply, dated the 2nd inst, copies are herewith. I afterwards asked for, & recd, a more definite answer dated 10 Sep 58, as to the Cash, of which I also send a copy. For nearly the whole of the 3 days, after my arrival, Mr Havers was engaged on the Jury of a Coroner's request.
3. With reference to the furniture & effects in the house, I was not prepared to find that they did not belong to the Company. This compels me to make an arrangement to live with Mr Havers, which is, in any respects, undesirable, tho' every desire to make it agreeable has been shewn by Mr & Mrs Havers. You will see, by the enclosed list of articles, that I could not remain in the house, if Mr Havers quits it, & there is only a public House in which I cd get small furnished rooms! This matter requires early attention whoever may be Col Manager.
4. On the 30th ult, I recd an order from Hope Place in favour of Peons for £90-9-2, wages in hand, check had been asked for, - & on the 8th inst., another order for £120, this latter sum being part of £496-14-0 due for wages at Hope Place. There, with other such demands, have already exhausted the Cash I obtained from Mr Hocquard. The wages due at Stanley are £80, owing to King¹ the Carpenter – all others have been paid, & there does not appear to be any other liability. The outstanding debts due to the Company are small, with the Exception of that from the Revd Mr Faulkner² which is £114. Shortly before my arrival Mr Havers came to an understanding to secure this debt, with Interest, by payment of £12 a Month, commenced the 6th Oct next.
5. Mr Faulkner is called upon to go to Hope Place to baptise children &c, & has done so heretofore. He has instructed that he wished the Directors to be made acquainted with this extra duty, & to ask for some addition to his stipend or otherwise. I think it wd be well thought of by the Governor, & generally, if the Directors favourably considered this subject. I understand that he made application some time since to Mr Havers.
6. I shall as soon as possible ascertain whether any reduction in expenditure can be made here. A Watchman is employed, who is paid 35s/- a week, for guarding the store, & Counting House at night, & to report whether the men arrive punctually to their work. Money is kept in the Iron safe of the Court House, but Rudd³, the

¹ Frederick KING, his wife Jane KING and their two children Frederick Isbell KING and Ellen Sophia KING arrived 28 September 1852 on board the barque Record which left from Liverpool. Frederick, who was recorded as a cooper & carpenter, was brought out by the Falkland Islands Company Limited as part of a group of shepherds and artisans.

² Henry Martyn FAULKNER, Colonial Chaplain, arrived 1854

³ John Rogers RUDD. Contract as domestic to John Bull Whittington dated 1 Jan 1844. In February 1851 he was recorded as being age 23 and a labourer from England. Was murdered 15 October 1864, age 37.

- Storekeeper, sleeps over it. You will be good eno, to say whether the Directors will sanction the discontinuance of the Watchman.
7. Before ½ p 9, am, on Monday the 30th ult. The Govr had had posted the notice, & I had recd the Letter, of last date, of which, & of my reply, dated the 31st ult, I send Copies. I called upon him, with my Letter of the 30th ult, & was received in a very friendly manner, & in the Evg I dined with HE, Mr Moore, & Mr Brooke. From all the other residents my reception has been the same, & I feel safe in saying that a perfectly fair & proper feeling exists towards the Coy if they sell moderately & supply the Store.
 8. In regard to the Store, I am satisfied that it may be made my profitable to the Coy, but the prices of goods have been far too high, & this has justly created great discontent. I have already reduced many selling prices of old stock, & shall go thro' all with that view, still averaging 50 to 70 per cent profit on the higher priced articles generally, & much more on some smaller ones – the people are highly satisfied with the reduction. I send a statement of the sales at the Store, for 1857, amounting to £1920-14-5 & for this year to the 30th Aug £1053 – these sales are far below what may readily be made profitably. With well selected goods Little if anything short of £3000 per an. might be received. In conversation with the Govr on the 10th inst he said that he wd promise me that he, & all the princ'l Families cd be general customers, & buy nothing out of the Island, if a reasonable profit only was required. In the two weeks since my arrival the sale have been £105. I send a list of a few of the articles on stock I have reduced prices.
 9. As to the Butchery, no one can doubt but that it may be made an important source of income – hitherto the No of Sheep & Cattle killed, has been very insufficient, viz, from the 1st Jany to 1st Sept 10 of head of cattle & 51 Sheep. I have satisfied myself that about 30 Sheep and 20 Cattle, per month, will be readily taken by the Inhabitants at 6d or 3d per lb – Cattle averaging 300 lbs & Sheep 45 lbs. There are very many toothless sheep & a considerable No of old cows past breeding, whh, being fat, will average in killing with lean oxen. The animals lose flesh if kept long on the Government farm – there is very little pasture on it, but there are there some 200 Cattle. If the No was reduced to 50, & only that No kept there, they wd not deteriorate much before being brought here to be killed. I shall send &c to effect this as soon as possible.
 10. The wages at Hope Place, are about £50 a week – at Stanley £15 to £18 including Mr Nolke⁴ – say £65 per week in all. I am satisfied that the sales of the store, if well supplied, & the butchery, would yield a surplus beyond all the Island Exps, even at their present amount. I will not at present, venture an opinion wthr the wages at Stanley can be at once reduced, beyond the watchman, but I will well consider it.
 11. I send you a list of articles applied for by Mr Bonner before my arrival, as required at Hope Place, & an order that you may see what are those required here, & that many are not in store, & few were able to be sent to the extent required – all sales there are made at a good profit, & deducted from wages. I also send a list of things which I find it necessary to offer in front M Nos this Packet & which will not last until its return in Decr. As a Rule, ???? shd be purchased there, except Brazilian produce & Yerba.
 12. I have taken great pains, by genl enquiry, & examining of sales, to select a list of ready selling articles, on a moderate scale, to be sent from England – they are

⁴ Edward NOLKE/NOELKE; accountant

urgently required, & are necessary to retain the custom of the Store, & the good feeling of the Govt & people. There can be no doubt whatever, that if well bought, the Shipment will be very profitable. With such goods, from England, there cd be no fear of Mr Dean's competition, to whom high prices have been everything. It appears to me that the Coy shd sell with 50 or 60 per Cent profit, genly, sometimes less but often much more, without feeling justified in doubling that profit, because Mr Dean sells at a high price, assuming that he does so, tho' the contrary is stated to me. The Company wd very soon have all the custom if Mr Dean persisted, &, if he did not, they wd have far the greater share. The list sent, will no doubt amt to a large sum, but it can only be looked at as a profitable investment, & which, after next winter (here) will allow of remittances, from its realization, being made to England.

13. I find that the contract for beef for the Soldiers was taken by Captn Packe, in July, for 6 months, at 3d½ per lb. Mr Havers says he did not tender feeling it to be useless. I doubt if Captn Packe will be able to renew it, &, with beef of a better quality the Coy might probably obtain it at 3d, if not 3½ - & I hear 10 a month are taken.
14. There are here about 440 Tons of Anthracite Coal, & 270 Tons of household – this is a great loss & there is little chance of steamers taking it. They do not venture from Rio or MVo, to the Pacific, or vice versa without a full supply. Very little house coal is burnt here, peat being the general fuel. I have written to MVo by this Packet to see whether a fair price can be obtained (freights being low) on terms of the buyer takes it on board at his own expense.
15. I commenced taking an inventory of the Stock in the Store, on the 6th, with Mr Havers, & have made some progress but only 2 days have been yet available from the very full occupation of my time – after tomorrow I shall endr to keep Mr Havers close to this important matter.
16. I send you a copy of my Letter to Mr Despard to whom I also write a private Letter. The "Allen Gardiner" is daily expected from MVo, with a Cargo for the Mission Station sent from England. Mr Dean's Son will also bring Goods from MVo in her. I hear that he has determined not to send them by the "Victoria", because (it is said) Le Bas told him that the freight was £4 a Ton instd of 40s/- such is his Father's statement to Mr Morrison, & he added, that the Coy has lost about £30 freight. I rather doubt this story, as regard Le Bas & fear it is an excuse for shipping by the Allen Gardiner at a lower rate. I write Mr Le Bas to ask the accuracy of the statement, but shall take no notice of it, until his answr is recd. I have reduced the freight to 30s/- a Ton. The people wait for other opportunities, such as Smyley's Schooner, & the above, & they ask the Governor to order Goods for them, when ordering his own, as it is well known that he pays only 30s/-, & is creates discontent without being profitable. I regret to find that the Victoria was not insured. Every trip is attended with danger off such a Coast, & not less so in going to & from Hope Place.
17. You will perceive the anxious position I am placed in, here, financially. On the 1st Octr I shall be asked for the half year's Rent of the Government Farm viz

	£	s	d
	65	0	0
I may have to pay King at any time	80	0	0
Also wages in hand for Hope Place say	370	0	0
Goods from Monte Video say	180	0	0
Wages of Captn & Crew of Schooner & Exps MVo say	120	0	0
4 Lots of Land as instructed (Cash only will be taken) say	250	0	0

Sundries

50	0	0
£1115	0	0

The first failure to pay any of the Peons &c at Hope Place, on demand, wd make them come here in a body & the consequences wd be most serious. I have therefore felt absolutely compelled, for the present safety of the Company, to draw for £700 *No 137 a/c 13*, negotiated thro Mr Hocquard but to be sent forward by the October packet. If I can sell Coals at a fair price, I will do so, & remit proceeds – as also the Governors Bill for the half year Mail Contract, due Jany. But I wd call the Directors attention to the advisability of the Colonial Manager having, say, £500, in hand, as obviously to the Coy's interest.

18. Captn Gill was in error as to the No of Hides for Shipment. The "Fairy" took all. By the plan which I have directed the Camp Manager to adopt, as after mentioned, I think you may rely on 2000 to 3000 Hides with the Wool, being shipped in the Spring.
19. This Voyage I intend to try whether the new master of the Victoria, Mr Morrison, cannot get the few things pressingly wanted from MVo, by giving him the prices, & the houses where the goods have been before purchased. I send Mr Hocquard a duplicate list & he will pay, upon the invoices, subject to credit or discount, as may be found best. Capt Gill will give up the Vessel on arrival at MVo. Mr Morrison is a respectable & particularly well conducted young Man. He never drinks spirits, & seldom Wine or Beer. He has, altho only 26, been first Mate of large Vessels to all parts of the world. I send his testimonial. If well executed a trifling commission might be allowed him afterwards. I hope his ship Chandler's Bill will be very different from the Last. The Mail Contract will expire by notice in Decr. You will of course give further instructions on that subject.
20. Mr Nolke, the Clerk, is a married man – he is all that need be desired, both as to conduct & book keeping. McGarrell⁵, the Salesman, & Rudd, Storekeeper, are both also married, & have families, & they appear steady zealous & competent to their work. Bonner⁶, the Camp Manager, is a valuable Servant, & I have thought it very fortunate to be able to re-engage him, in so important a post, for 3 years from the 1st July at £165 for the 1st year, £185 the 2nd, & £200 the third. He is very active, & experienced, & takes great interest in his work. He gave Mr Havers notice prior to the expiration of his 3 years which ended on the 1st July last.
21. I have opened, here & at Hope Place, new Books of account, from the 30th inst, & they will, I have no doubt, be kept regularly & intelligibly. Mr Lynch had no ledger, only a day Book & Journal! The accounts & books kept by him are in a sad state.
22. I have recd no Letter from Mr Andrews. Mr Havers recd one by the last mail from him, in reply to a Letter he had written many months ago, in which Mr Andrews said he had entered upon a farming business, upon his own account, & cd not leave. I doubt whether he wd have been the Man as Manager – the men cd consider them their equal, from what I gather.
23. The Government farm, per se, is far from being worth the Rent paid – a small part of the Peninsula can be said to give food, & that only enough for a few cattle – but there is no alternative, as the Coy must have a temporary feeding place, close to Stanley for the Cattle for Slaughter, & where they can be secured & you will see, by the colored Map, herewith, (which I obtained from Mr Bailey, the Surveyor General), that Captn Packe has taken all the Land, worth anything, &

⁵ Daniel McGARRELL

⁶ John BONNER was appointed Camp Manager in 1854.

- sufficiently near to Stanley. But if 50 Cattle only were kept there at a time I do not think they wd lose flesh, as now; & then perhaps, a higher price might be charged for the Meat.
24. Mr Havers has received £5, for which P O Order is to be sent, payable to Mrs Elizh Clithero, Froulsham, Norfolk, from her Son⁷.
 25. Capt'n Goss of the Fairy was advanced by Mr Hocquard 50 dollars, at M Video, to be charged to his wages account.
 26. I have not had time, at present, to see to many matters of detail, or to that returns you required, but will keep it in view, - and I have only been able to refer to some of yr Letters to Mr Havers – his to you are chiefly illegible on the copying paper. For yr Letter of 8 Sep last, there is part of a sheet out of Parag 18 Ends with the words “referred to in yr despatch No 50 par 22”. Is this so? *Yes, but there is Par 19 abt John Hillman for Cargo fr Islds. See Cobb Let Bk Page 74.*
 27. Mr Havers has asked me whether I thought the Coy wd sell the Port Louis Plot & building? Capt'n Packe wd, I think, buy it, having Land adjoining. I mean in case the Coy gives up its hunting rights over the Crown Lands. Be good eno. to consider this.
 28. On the 31st ult, I wrote Bonner to come here & he arrived on the 6th inst, leaving again on the 10th. He had sent out a troop, but on his way recalled them – they had taken 25 Cattle. I hope your will have made a satisfactory arrangement as to relinquishing the capture of wild Cattle out of Lafonia – 5000 might have been captured in the 10 months unexpired, but at great expense.
 29. I had many hours conversation with Bonner alone, & before he had any with Mr Havers, &, I think, that much reliance may be placed in him. From a careful consideration of his views, & those of others, I have come to the following considerations.
 30. As to buying Plots, with a Lease of 10,000 acres adjs for 20 years, the first, in importance, to secure is the Cantera, with the Builys upon it. 2nd The Boca (Isthmus) with the Buildings, & embracing the whole width of the Isthmus. 4th Either a Plot adjoining one of the above, or at Mare Harbour. Each of the 11 divisions on the Map is supposed to contain 10,000 acres. I am far from being sure that there is any advantage in the Land on Mare Harbour, & particularly for the Compys Establishment, in lieu of Hope Place. The latter wd, I think, be better placed, near to, but on the East side of the Isthmus. There is ample depth of water, & the Cutter cd reach it in very little more time than Mare Harbour. By Land the difference is unimportant. The advantages of the situation, by the Isthmus, wd be great, in the economy of the removal of materials from Hope Place, viz, by raft, or Cutter, up to the Isthmus & then only across it. It wd be close to the Entrance to Lafonia, & be in the centre probably of the purchased & leased Lands. I shall not decide until after seeing the several locations, after stock taking here.
 31. The parts of Lafonia on which are the tame Cattle are overcrowded, & the feed will soon be insufficient if it is not extended – a severe winter wd also be more fatal. There are two ways of remedying this & one or both, will be necessary forthwith. 1st To build a stone Rancho, (cost about £50) 3 or 4 Miles South of Dos Lomas, so as to give that addl feeding ground to the animals. The 2nd is, to remove the Sheep from Egg Harbour to the Government Land purchased & leased, & put Cattle on such vacated ground. English Sheep are on the Cantera, & on some of the other 11 Plots Horses, & English Cattle.

⁷ George CLETHERO

32. The purchased, or leased, Government Land, wd by wholly useless for keeping, upon it, Cattle which have been captured on the Crown Lands. Nothing cd prevent their escape to the wild, & their old Ground – all such Land must be appropriated to Sheep, Horses, or Cattle which have not been on the Crown Lands. I shld doubt whether the wild of Lafonia wd be safe there.
33. At least 1/4th of the wild cattle, in Lafonia, are old Bulls, injuring the Stock, & wasting food. I have directed Bonner to employ all his force, in killing these, & collecting their hides, & he expects to have at least 2000, by March, from this work. In the present state of things, nothing can be done to preserve the Meat, & it must be wasted – the subject of salting & preserving Beef, has, no doubt, engaged the Directors attention. Mr Havers considers it feasible, & that it wd be valuable. The above work will require all the men now engaged, for this season – afterwards, a great saving may be effected, by discharging those Peons whose contract shall have expired – the wages, whilst hunting, heretofore, must have been enormous, - besides 2s/- per head for all captured above 2000, each Man recs, for watching the troops half a night, an Extra day's pay – this will not be incurred in killing the old Bulls.
34. I shall take an account of the tame Stock but Bonner tells me there are at least 6000 tame, & 11,000 wild Cattle on Lafonia – the latter he took great pains to estimate in anticipation of giving evidence – about 35 Milkers – 62 Goats – 500 Breeding Mares – 20 Stallions – 1 English Do – about 200 fillys & 2 yr old, not yet broken in - & 25 broken Horses. Next season many more Horses might be broken in, 3 or 4 men wd employed reckon on breaking 50 each in a season & all paid per head, generally. Bonner also considers that old & tame, 20 to 30,000 head of cattle cd be maintained on Lafonia; increasing the area for the tame, as before mentd, from time to time, & assuming that water cd be found. It wd be useless to increase the tame Stock from the Wild, in Lafonia – they wd escape to their old ground, & take others with them.
35. Mr Bonner states the No of Sheep at 2900 & 1400 increase last season – it is the general opinion that a large & valuable stock may be looked forward to. There have been 12 cattle killed & sold here since the 30th ult, & 9 sheep, which were all that were left, out of 30, brought up at the commencement of August. The Cutter is now gone to the Boca with stores, & to bring back 25 Sheep, (which is all she can carry safely) & butter – this will have to be done every 3 weeks.
36. On the 8th inst the “Arctic Hero”, Captn Young, 399 Tons, with Guano, 120 days from Callao but last from Sandy Point, in the Straits of Magellan, came into the Harbour with Bulwarks stove in & much damage. I, at once, boarded her, with Mr Havers, but Mr Dean as Lloyds' Agent, secured the Repairs (supposed to amount to £300 or £400), & with them, no doubt, a chief part of the supplies required. I would suggest your having a few lines printed statg what the Company can supply here, & sending it, with a Chart, to the Captn of every Ship about to sail round the Horn. The Governor remarked to me, the other day, that he hardly knew of a Vessel which had had a Chart (the present case) & all expressed surprise at so convenient a Harbour.
37. The Chilean convicts, & Garrison, at Sandy Point, 200 or 300 in all, were in want of provisions, & the Governor wrote to the Govr here, askg assistance. I heard this, on board, & instantly went to Govt House to ascertain whether the Govr wd consent to the Mails being delayed, if I sent the Victoria round there, en route, to Monte Video; but he declined. Besides high prices for provisions, valuable furs & skins &c, might have been taken in Exchange or purchased. I afterwards recd

the Letter, of which, with my reply, I send copy. Captn Smyley's Schooner "Nancy" is in Port, but nothing has been done.

38. I send you a correct statement of the Inhabts of this Island, & their occupations &c drawn up by Mr Havers at my request. That Gentm has acted in a fair & friendly manner Towards me. I believe he has devoted himself with much zeal to the Camp business of the Company.

I remain Sir

Your Obdt Servant

James Lane

George H Cripps Esq
Managing Director
F I Company

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No 2

Stanley November 13th, 1858

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Sir

I beg acknowledge the receipt of your Letters 198C 199C 200C & 201C with Enclosures & duplicates – I send duplicate of my Letter (No 1) of the 13th Sept last.

2. The Victoria sailed at 1pm on the followg day but on tacking to get thro' the Narrows she missed stays & being too near the kelp grounded & it was not until the Evg of the 17th that she got off with the assistance of the Company's Boats & Men & finally left the Harbour at 8am of the 18th. Head winds kept her 2 days in Sparrow Cove & she did not arrive at MVo until the 3rd Oct, 3 days too late for the Mail to England. Captn Gill gave up his command on arrival to Captn Morrison who anchored safely here on the 29th ult after a passage of less than 10 days, the Mail had arrived late at M Video. I believe Captn Gill might have reached in time & from his recent conduct I am glad he is no longer in command.
3. The "Allen Gardiner" came in immedly after the "Victoria" after a passage of upwards of 20 days.
4. Messr Le Bas told Mr George Dean that the freight was 40s/- but the Allen G had offered for 30s/-. I has desired Captn Morrison to make known the reduction of the freight to 30s/- & he brought back Mr George Dean & two steerage Passengers with upwards of 10 tons of Goods for Mr Dean & the Missionary Settlement.
5. I take no notice of Mr Dean's representation to 80s/- being required as it is quite seen thro' here – he is not too exact in his statements generally.
6. Mr Morrison has executed his commission satisfactorily & been economical as to the Schooner's genl Expenses. I have agreed to pay from 2 ½ per Cent in future. He had to get a new Jib sail, the former being worn out. Since her return I have had the new Gudgeon (sometime since obtained from MVo) fixed, the temporary one put in by Mr Havers no longer serviceable, & some other necessary repairs including her Copper which had been damaged.
7. I send a list of prices into Store of the articles purchased at MVo & of selling prices. Also a list of things to be bought this trip. The 24 Bls of Flour were sold in one Morning & I had difficulty keeping 7 for Hope Place where 30 wd have been taken. 100 Bls wd readily have sold there & here & much complaint was made at there being no more. Mr Dean brought 30 Bls & charged 46s/- afds reduced to 42s/-. A very good effect has been to produced by selling Flour Fariña Indian corn &c (articles of first necessity) at such moderate prices.
8. I regret to hear of the return to MVo of the "Fairy" & to find the expense of her repairs amount to nearly cff900 – the particulars of which you will have recd from Mr Hocquard & I must reimburse him by this opportunity.
9. The invoice prices of the goods paid for by Mr Hocquard & other disbursements was about £350-0-0 – he has remitted to me say £500 (150 oz as £42 ½) & after deducting the above there is a balance of cff2050,750 due to him.
10. By increased rects from the Store & Butchery & an agreement to allow King 5 per Cent on his deposit with Mr Havers of £80, I was able (tho' at one time reduced to less than £10) to fully keep up the Company's credit & to pay the £65 half years Rent of the settlement farm before the arrival of the "Victoria" and have now in hand upwards of £200 & also recd from Mr Hocquard but of this I must send

£500 towards paymt of Mr Hocquards balance, the Expenses of the Schooner & to make the new purchases which will be wanted before the return of the Packet. These articles are profitable being quickly sold & if I had the means to buy more of them Mr Dean wd have less chance – where the people buy these necessities they buy other things.

11. If it is all practicable I will remit you the Treasury Bill for the half years Mail contract but I fear a heavy demand from Hope Place at Xmas & can see other possible events in which the Coys credit might be injured for want of funds.
12. I have been engaged with Mr Havers 20 full days, besides 2 or 3 in measuring & weighing in taking an inventory of the Stock & it is concluded with a very trifling exception but the invoice prices have to be added. By the next opportunity I will if possible send you a copy. Until the Stock taking is finished, Mr Havers says he cannot complete his accounts. He has mentd to me that he expects them to be settled here but I have made him clearly to understand that I can only be the medium of communication – I regret that tho' I have expressed all possible forbearance an unfair course has been adopted by Mr Havers in reference to goods had from the Store &c since my arrival. I send you a Copy *Lane to Havers 10 & 11 Nov 58. Havers to Lane 11 Nov 58* – the 3 Horses were sold for £20 two being old.
13. Since Mr Havers wrote me the Letter of the 11th Nov he has discovered that he had not debited himself with the amount of his Store Bill for some time amounting to a considerable sum – he has not debited himself with Beef but the quantity appears in the Books.
14. Mr Havers is erecting a House which he says will be completed in 6 weeks & he will then remove. I find it very inconvenient having to live in the same House so long & being unable to see any one in it makes it very disagreeable & not to the interest of the Company. As to furniture I think it possible that he will sell some things by Auction & that I may be able to purchase for the Coy a few things for immediate use but not to the extent necessary & advisable for the interest of the Company. The want of hospitality is much remarked on here.
15. Since my last 2 other Guano laden ships have come in the “Jenny Jones” Capt Wood & the “Alice Walton”, Capt Forsyth – the former for Provisions & the latter damaged – they have since sailed repaired & provisioned – the sale by the Coy to the “Arctic Hero” were £56-13-9. To the Alice Walton £68-8-7. To the Jenny Jones £32-15-7. As Lloyds Agent Mr Dean got the repairs taking Bottomry Bonds. I have intimated to him that he ought to ask for tenders in the interest of Lloyds but he is unwilling saying that it is the Captns business – they are spared of difficulty as to their Insurance papers if they act independently. Could not this be corrected by representation to the Committee at Lloyds of the Coy care for doing repairs? I sold to the Arctic Hero & Jenny Jones about 3000 lb of Salted Beef – At 5d per lb including Casks & all expenses there is a very good profit beyond the 3d per lb for fresh Beef & I wd suggest this being added to the printed statement sent to Captns. The Govt charge 2s/6d per Ton for Water. On the 8th the “Ellen” of Liverpool 440 Tons – Captn Main with Guano put in chiefly for Water. She sailed yesterday.
16. I am happy to be able to assure you of a very changed feeling towards the Coy here both on the part of the Gov & people generally. Nothing need be apprehended on that head if common courtesy is shewn towards them, provided only that the Store is well & quickly supplied. Scarcely any one can obtain all he asks for at the Store & of course then goes to Mr Dean. With a proper supply of articles all of good quality (inferior kinds will hardly sell) no fear of Mr Dean's

competition need be entertained. I was lately looking thro' the sales &c at the Store (as I do every Morn'g) & overheard the following from the Lighthouse Keeper⁸ – "I have come to pay you (a/c £5) & am giving to Dean with £19 which you might as well have had, for I get civility here but only get snubbed there."

17. The people here & at Hope Place are greatly in want of Boots & Shoes & strong remarks are made about it – they will not buy those from MVo is they can avoid it. At Hope Place it must soon be very serious – they shd be Barrowes Corkham as before sent – Davies & Swifts' were not liked.
18. I send a duplicate list of articles & a supplementary list equally necessary.
19. Ships cannot get Rope & canvas in the place & what I have been selling being bought at MVo was very dear – indeed nothing has done more injury than the high prices given & charged for European goods bought at MVo. Brandy Gin & Whiskey we have none & having now the custom of the 2 principal Public Houses it is a great pity – good Sherry & Marsala wd sell & are wanted – Ale & Porter in Bottles also & none left. Altho I particularize these things the rest on the list are equally wanted.

*M Store Sale – 565-3-2, }
Butchery – 229-10-0 } , 94-13-2*

20. The sales at the Store from the 30th Aug to 30th Sep were £250-7-6. From 30th Sep to 31st Oct £314-15-8 (tho' for about a week it was closed whilst taking Stock). The sales at the Butchery for the same 2 months were £229-10-0. Of the sales at the Store about £80 was made to shipping & of those at the Butchery £81-16-1. the Store sales wd have been much increased if there had been a proper Stock.
21. After further consideration I have a Months notice On the 1st inst to the Watchman to discontinue his services – this will be a saving of £91 per an: I have also got rid of 2 Peons from Hope Place (Brunel⁹ & Villaba¹⁰) & hope soon others from there. With Le Bas' agency, the Rent of the farm & the above reductions there is already a saving of £400 a year.
22. The 12 Months further engagement of King the Carpenter expired since my arrival. I have renewed it for 6 Months – after which it may be a question whether it is worth the Coy's while to have a Carpenter at the certain expense of £118-6-0 per an:
23. As regards the discontinuance of the Mail Contract I send a Copy of a Letter *Lane to Moore 6 Nov 58* which I thought it well to write to the Govr & of his reply *Longden to Lane 8 Nov 58* – It will be absolutely necessary to send the Schooner sometimes to M Video for such Stores as these recently bought & if £125 per trip could be obtained from Government, it appears to me that a large part of it wd be a gain as the Capt'n & crew wd have to be paid & fed & the Vessel repaired & insured whether she was employed or not in that service. I have a separate account kept of her expenses.

⁸ William Timothy CREED, Principal Lighthouse Keeper July 1855 to 1865.

⁹ Francisco "Pancho" BRUNEL, age 20, Argentine and single, arrived 6 June 1847 from Montevideo on board the Napoleon to work for Lafone. In November 1858 Pancho Brunel, peon, was given notice from Hope Place by the Manager of the FIC and returned to Montevideo on board the Victoria November 1858.

¹⁰ Estanislado de los Santos VILLABA, age 16 & a native of Montevideo, arrived on board the "Victoria" 31 August 1855; brought by FIC. Returned to Montevideo on board the Victoria November 1858

24. Teja Cottage has been let to Captn Sibbald¹¹ (the Govrs Brother in Law) at £30 per an: I have had to do some repairs & painting & Captn S is well satisfied. One of the Cottages nr the Store I have also let at £12 per an:
25. The Govr is so well satisfied with what has been done & is doing, that he told me recently that if the Store was well supplied & good Beef killed he shld be glad to have the soldiers rations from the Coy. He also wanted flooring Beams & said he shld not go to Dean if the Coy cd let him have them & other Govt wants but unfortunately we have scarcely any.
26. I may mention that the Govt Bills at the Store from 1st Janry to 30th Aug were £6-2-6 - & from 1st Sep to 31 Oct £19. Mr Brooke from Janry to Septr £3 – since £6. Mr Hamblin Janry to Septr £9-13-4 – since £13. Captn Smyley from Janry to Septr £4-0-4, since £31. I reduced Mr Grantham's monthly payment to £10 which he has paid & also ready money for what he requires. I have found him very friendly, & useful.
27. We have killed & sold 59 Cattle & 47 Sheep since I last wrote (13th Sep). The Crossbred sheep even at this Season average 55 lb to 60 lb & the Cheviots 65 to 70 lbs. Some American sheep, referred to in my last averaged only about 45 lb.
28. There are now betn 50 & 60 Woolpacks made by Bonner ready for use & the remdr (altogrs say 75) will shortly be ready – these will consume all the old sackcloth left & they shd be supplied – say 250 by Nov 1859.
29. The question of Shipping requires consideration for it is a heavy charge. There are here the "Lilly" & "Dorah" Cutters & an old Cutter (the Snowdrop) besides 5 Boats. At Hope Place the Cutter Pilot & 4 Boats. It appears to me that the "Lilly" & 2 or 3 Boats are sufficient here & on the removal from Hope Place, the "Pilot" & 1 Boat wd be ample on Darwin Harbour. The "Fairy" cannot pay to send produce to England & the Expense of 2 Schooners & their crew is very great. I would suggest the "Victoria" or "Fairy" being sold at MVo & that you shd annually engage freight in a vessel for Rio or the Plate, for Goods sent out & to take back Hides Wool &c.
30. I shall not (unless subsequent advices so direct) take any measures for chartering a Vessel to England. In March I hope there will be 2500 to 3000 Hides & 70 Packs of Wool with Bones &c for Shipment. I hear a good acct of Captn Wood – of Goss not so as to sobriety.
31. I have got new Articles signed by the Mate & some of the Crew of the Victoria for 6 months & Entered into an Agreement with Captn Morrison until the 1st July next. The Mate, Wm Bunt, has been for many years well acquainted with the navigation of the Islands & the Coast.
32. The "Labouchere" came in the evg of Weds the 10th. I arranged at once with Captn Trivett to man the 2 Cutters & supply him with water at day break – the whole wd have been furnished in one day but the Crew got drunk & wd not take the last 2 loads on Board. The Engineer approved of the Great Britain Coal in the Hulk & I charged 45s/- a Ton (in the Stock book Entd as costing 25s/-) exclusive of Expenses, with which he was well satisfied. Yesterday I had 12 to 15 Men Employed in Coaling & tonight or middle day on Monday **15 Nov 58** hope to have 200 Tons on Board. I doubt if there are many more left. The Solway Coals are said to be about 189 Tons, & these are all the Steam Coals we shall have left. Captn Trivett takes about 6 Animals Vegetables &c. He dined yesterday at Government House with me & expressed an opinion that Steamers wd now

¹¹ *Captain John SIBBALD*

frequently come in here for Coal &c on the way to British Colombia. I hope that
Stores & Coal may be here ready for them.

I remain Sir

Your Obedt Servant

James Lane

George H Cripps Esq

No 2 1859

James Lane

Stanley. 13 Nov 58

Rec. 6 Jan 59

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No 3

Stanley November 10th, 1858

Camp Establishment

Sir

On the 18th ult I left Stanley for Hope Place accompanied by Mr Havers & the Rev W Faulkner to whom the Govr gave permission on my application to be absent one Sunday in order to baptise 4 children at Hope Place. Mr F also distributed some bibles & Prayer Books & had service on the Sunday.

2. I took Stock with Mr Havers at Hope Place & found much of it unsuitable – this can be remedied in some measure & an exchange of articles made with the Store here. He returned on the 30th ult having been 8 out of the 12 days on Horseback & visited all the Puestos & flocks taking an inventory of things belonging to the Company in & about them & of all additions made during Mr Havers' administration.

Hope Place

3. This establishment is most inconveniently situated causing great expense in many ways as stated in Mr Havers' Land Report & not least in the necessity of having 4 English men always there to keep up Boat Communication across the Creek.
4. A removal of this Establishment sd I have no doubt be a saving of £200 or £300 per an: (Mr Havers considers much more) besides other advantageous results.
5. I found Bonner an excellent Servant zealous & active & the Coy are fortunate in retaining him with his long experience as Camp Manager. The Buildings are much dilapidated and would require a sum not less than the Expense of removing & rebuilding to make them serviceable. He could not take the No of Sheep & Cattle – the loss in rodeoing them in the lambing and calving season wd have been great. Lambs and calves are doing well – I send a statement of the No of Sheep & Lambs in Jany last numbg after the cutting & shearing.
6. I spent a whole day in carefully surveying the Isthmus - & the Ground betn the Cantera House Teal Creek &c *See Lane to Moore 6 Nov 58 See Moore to Lane 8 Nov 58* & it cannot admit of a doubt but that on the Isthmus at the head of Darwin Harbour is the most eligible place for headquarters. Next to the locality the requisites I looked for were shelter on Land & Sea – Soil – Peat & Water & depth near the Land for Vessels – these are to be found on the spot.
7. The difference in the distance betn Stanley & the Isthmus & betn Stanley & Mare Harbour by Land or Sea is of little importance, but to have the Establishment at the latter place wd render it impossible for the Peons in the different Puestos in the Southern Peninsula to get provisions &c at such a distance (40 or 50 miles) – the Camp Manager wd be too far away to overlook them & there cd scarcely be a more inconvenient situation. The Isthmus & Hope Place are about equidistant from the different Puestos in the Peninsula. The materials of the scattered Buildings at Hope Place will I think be nearly if not quite ample for new & more compact ones & by employing the Schooner to carry them up Brenton Loch to the Isthmus they will be easily transported across it. In one year I have little doubt but that more than the Expense of removal will be saved.
8. I find no contrary opinion expressed as to the best locality, not even now from Mr Havers, whose Land Report I have only read this week.
9. On the Schooner's return at the end of Decr I purpose to remove the Establishment & hope to complete it within 3 Months employing the men now

employed with perhaps a Mason Assistant & Blacksmith in addition. I may instance as one of many objections to the present state of things that on the Cutter going recently to the Isthmus for Sheep & Butter, a Man had to be despatched to Hope Place – thence Bonner sent another to Marequita 20 Miles for the Sheep & they had to be driven that distance to the Cutter which was delayed 3 days with 3 men in her – whilst at the Isthmus sheep wd be always ready.

The Cantera

10. The Smiths¹² have paid great attention to the Cheviot Sheep & the old Man's experience is valuable – he & his sons will remain I have no doubt. The Ground down to Swan Inlet is excellent for sheep & as they increase it shd be appropriated for all the Sheep & those at Marequita & Orquita will be as soon as possible after lambing removed there, so that all the Sheep may be under the eye of the Head Shepherd which I have made Peter Smith Senr. There is one Rincon near Teal Creek which alone wd feed & water 1500 sheep & if necessary might be sections with very little expense at any future time.

The Dairy

11. This is situated at the head of Brenton Loch on the Isthmus. The Cottage has two rooms on the ground one of which is the Dairy & there is a good calf House. The Buildgs are well adapted & the locality also for Sheep head quarters, shearing &c. There is also a House halfway nearly across the Isthmus (The Boca House) which Lee¹³ & Watson¹⁴ would occupy. The Dairy itself I have referred to in another Letter – the feltings &c will be removed to Stanley & put up & used in the new Dairy there. Haigh & his wife¹⁵ & a young man are solely occupied with the Cows & Butter – they applied for anr assistant havg 26 Cows in Milk. This must be a very losing business at such an Expense.

Tranquilidad & Dos Lomos

12. At each place a good Cottage – 2 rooms with loft over & enclosed Corrals adjoining – both Dos Lomos & Hope Place has been the feeding ground of all the rodeo Cattle – much too circumscribed. Since I saw Bonner in Sep he has renewed the small Hut (Casa de Gobierno) abt 3 miles South East giving a further space but when the Sheep are removed they will have more than double their old feeding found & which latter will then recover. No additional Men will be needed but the contrary as I hope to reduce the Italians.

Casa de Brunel

13. Is a miserable Hut occupied by a Peon as an outlying Station.

Orquita Marequita & Mestizo

14. Each place a Cottage 2 rooms & loft over with closed in Sheds at the two first. The Horse district is within the large Rincon formed by Egg Harbour & Cygnet Harbour. There are 6 or 800 Mares Horses & foals many with deformed Hoofs & legs & a very poor breed – those deformed I have instructed Bonner to have killed. I cannot see a Market for these Horses – they are inferior to the Rio Negro

¹² Peter SMITH and his sons Andrew SMITH, James SMITH & David SMITH were brought out on contract by the FIC. Peter's wife, five younger children & sister Jane accompanied them. They left Liverpool on board the barque Record, arriving 28 September 1852.

¹³ Jacob LEE signed a contract with the Falkland Islands Company Limited in the UK 5 September 1856. He arrived in Stanley 7 January 1857 on board the Nithsdale

¹⁴ James WATSON and his wife arrived at Port Louis 17 November 1840. They were part of a group of 16 people brought out from England by John Bull WHITINGTON.

¹⁵ Joseph William Watson HAIGH & Ellen HAIGH. Joseph was a ship's carpenter & arrived in 1846; Ellen arrived in 1849 with her first husband. Joseph murdered Ellen, his third wife, in February 1861.

generally & beyond an ample supply of the best for use & sale on the Island they appear to me to be wasting food – it wd be well to have the Directors ideas on this head. The English Stallion has been latterly kept at Hope Place – the Season has been lost by his being let loose amongst numerous Mares & only 3 or 4 here in foal by him. He has for some time been kept in & about 40 Mares have now been set apart & a few at a time enclosed with him – he is now in very good condition but I hear he was in a very poor state last Season.

Camp Cattle

15. The troop of Peons have killed many old Bulls about Victoria Harbour at first as caught on the spot, bringing the Hides to Hope Place on the backs of Horses – this was heavy work for the Cutter & it has been altered by driving the greater part in & killing them which secures the Bones & the quickly salting to Hides – there is there no boiling apparatus however which is a great drawback & I fear difficulty in getting the Bones clean in time for Shipment & Dunnage. We have already at Stanley & Hope Place about 1000 Hides.

Generally

16. The Sheep are very promising – many of the American Ewes are getting past breeding & the shepherd has suggested 100 or 200 one year old to be imported from the Plate – also that a Ram shd be sent from England of a new stock for crossing, of a hardy kind. I have no reason to suppose that there is any material inaccuracy in the Nos of Cattle & Horses mentd in my last, but they will be counted in Rodeos as soon as they can be safely – say early next year.
17. If I read your several Letters correctly you mean that the Company may still kill wild Cattle found on Land rented by them – the expression used is Land leased, but I gather the meaning to include the 11 Plots in temporary occupation – there is none let by written agreement or Lease except the Settlement Farm.
18. The Butter not having to be sent for I hope to devise some plan to avoid sendg the Cutter for Sheep – you need not be under any apprehension as to trespassers &c on the Company's Land away from Stanley.
19. I shall shortly go to the North Camp & am strongly inclined to think from what I hear that there is excellent Sheep ground in the neighbourhood of the Coys House at Port Louis & that the Rincon Grande alone wd take 1000 to 2000 Sheep. I shd not advise those Buildings & Land to be disposed of & when I see the neighbourhood shall be able to judge whether it wd be desirable to claim the 10000 acres at £10 per an on Lease in right of the Land purchased. Out great advantage of this part might be that Sheep cd be brought into Stanley in a day & by water in 4 or 5 hours at most. There is a good wooden House at the 2nd Corral but it is much too distant to be of any use & had I think better be brought away. Concentration of the Establishments & reduction of expenses shd be the rule.
20. I have discharged & shipped by the Victoria 2 Spaniards from Hope Place, Villaba & Brunel & I hope soon to send others away so that gradually only English may be employed who do double the work even in hunting & there are sevl Boys here for training.

I am, Sir

Your Obt Servant

James Lane

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No 4

Stanley November 11th, 1858

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Settlement Farm

Sir

Immedy after the Packet left in Sepr I rode over the part of the farm betn Stanley & the Peninsula & thence to the Lighthouse with the Governor. "Hookers Point" is a large mound of tussac quite useless at present having been allowed to be eaten down & the fence around it unrepaired – but it is growing. The tussac on the Peninsula is almost buried in Sand but may out grow it. There are two Spaniards taking care of Cattle Sheep Horses &c & bringing the two former in for & assisting in killing – I found them quite careless of their charge & discharged them & in their place engaged an Englishman named Gleadell with his 3 boys¹⁶ for 12 Months, paying him & for 2 of the boys very little more than the two Spaniards tho' worth double. He had a long time been Captn Packe's Shepherd but had engaged a passage with his family for the River Plate. At Stanley the Coy has now no Spaniard in its employ. There being 4 Cows on the farm with Calves I stipulated that Gleadell shd train & milk them & bring the milk into Stanley (3 to 4 miles) every 2 days – these arrangements were complete 3 weeks ago & he has brought in & sold at 8d per quart 89 quarts. It cd not be continued on a scale to pay however owing to the distance & the bog Land to be traversed in all seasons. It was done only to shew a wish to benefit the settlement & the Govr was much pleased at so speedy a result. The proceeds tho' trifling were a clear gain.

2. I found a great desire to have Milk Butter & Cheese in the Settlement. Captn Packe only supplied about 10 or 12 quarts a day of the former & often less. Bad Butter (imported) is bought at Dean's at 2s/- per lb & if at hand and fresh a large quantity would be bought & the same of cheese if at all good. After careful enquiry and consideration I determined to negotiate with Mr Shailer¹⁷ (who is much respected & very popular) with a view to a Dairy being established. Mr S has built a good Cottage & with his own hands made upwards of an acre of Land around it into good garden ground fenced & drained & had produced more than any one in the place – its situation is within the Settlement at the back of the Pensioners Cottages & Barracks. After arranging terms I saw the Govr as to a Road & he at once gave directions on the spot for the road to the Cottages being constructed to Shailers whose Land it bounds on the East & it will be at once made. I then drew up the agreemt of which I send copy *not enclosed but recd in No 5* & the Govr & others including Mr Havers consider the terms & price very favourable to the Company & to save Rent (if it is found that all goes on well) it wd be well to have authority to purchase the property.
3. I refer to my Letter as to the "Camp Establishment" in reference to the present Dairy on Brenton Loch which has only produced in the last 6 months less than lbs of Butter & no milk – the time the Butter is kept before it arrives here makes it soon become bad unless strongly salted & it was then objected to. I have tried a less coarse salt & it is better but will not keep long after it reaches Stanley. The Cheeses are unsaleable.

¹⁶ Charles GLEADALL, sons Edwin, Enoch and Edmond. They arrived in 1852 to work for Captain Packe

¹⁷ William SHAILER; arrived between March 1843 & October 1846

4. With the exception of Mr Shailer's wages there will be no expense in carrying on the new Dairy here beyond that at Brenton Loch. The value to the Coy of Mr Shailers attention to the Dairy, the general cultivation & turning to profitable account the Land of the Coy in the Settlement, hitherto much neglected, & his influence generally will more than equal the money payment. I cannot agree with Mr Havers Land Report as to cultivating the Coys's many plots in & about Stanley. The 1st years crop wd repay the expense & Shops will take all that may be grown – all Vegetables grow as well here as in England & many better.
5. Behind the Store is nearly an acre of Land in grass but it was covered with Stone Wood &c & parts left partially dug & open to any animals. I have had it cleared & levelled & the fence repaired & supplied & entered to put the sheep in it when landed from the Cutter – hitherto they have been turned loose on the farm & before being killed are driven often several miles, the Company not having a single grass enclosure.
6. I send Shailer's estimate of the results of the Dairy – I put it at 3/4ths of the amount, but under any circumstances it must pay well, besides its otherwise indirect good to the Company. To go there will be the only amusement of the place & I reckon on a considerable sale of Milk &c at the Cottage. I retained the use of the inner rooms in order to give adaupied to the Govr & principal families who are much pleased at the prospect.
7. I have obtained leave of the Governor to get Tussac roots from an Island in Port William & shall at once plant a portion of the Land with them – there is no doubt of its growing to any extent, & with turnips (which do not effect the taste of the milk when eaten with other food) & the surrounding grass Land I have no fear of want of food – in the meantime I shall now & then get Tussac from Port William in the Cutter which is allowed to be taken without charge.
8. I find a stone Cow Shed & Dairy can be built 20 per Cent cheaper than Wood. Stone is abundant on the spot. They are now in progress & before the end of the year I hope to have at least 20 Cows in Milk & Butter & Cheese sold. If the demand requires it we can have 40 or 50 Cows in milk & I shall have that No probably from the Boca & 2 Bulls. Shailer has 3 Cows of his own & contemplated increasing them & selling Milk &c. Capt'n Packe sells Milk in Summer at 8d & in Winter at 1s/- a quart. I shd not be surprised if his competition ceased after the Summer & no one else sells Milk or fresh butter. The Governor expresses his intention to sell his cows & kill his Sheep when the Dairy is established & he can rely on the Coys regular supply of Milk Butter & Mutton. There will also be a Piggery & Poultry Yard & I am promised some of the best Pigs on the Island. Most of the Coy's are very bad & they are now roaming about, some eating the offal of the Slaughter House & others almost wild near the Peninsula – only the poor will buy them.
9. The Crop of the Dairy Garden will be worth much more than the £30 & when Men of War & other Vessels come in the demand for vegetables is very great & there wd be a sale of as much Poultry Eggs Milk Butter &c as could be supplied.
10. Having made a careful survey of the whole of the Settlement Farm Wall & Buildings I felt that could not justify such a Rent being demanded & wrote the Govr on the subject. *Lane to Moore 14 Oct, 6 Nov, 10 Nov, 11 Nov 58 – Moore to Lane 10 Nov, 11 Nov, 12 Nov 58* I send Copy correspondence which you will see has had the result of greatly reducing the yearly Rent. The Government have in fact no money to expend & I have thought of a better plan than mentd in the Letters viz to remove the Wooden House from the 2nd Corral, now useless there, & erect it near the Wall gates – the £15 will go far to cover the expense. There is

not other mode of keeping animals on the farm but the Cottage will do more than any reparatn of the Wall. I hope to recover the Cattle escaped & shall keep them within the Peninsula temporarily.

11. It is very desirable I think to secure the Farm for a term & the Boards instructions as to the condition of the price of Beef will of course be sent. Surely the Colonial Secretary wd see the reasonableness of 4d per lb as a maximum.
12. The farm is essential to the Butchery &c & from its extent (5 of 6 miles to the Gates) it effectually prevents any new competition here if held by the Coy, Captn Packe having the Land outside the Wall & all else available rd Stanley. I wd suggest caution in communications with Captn Sullivan – Captn P is not easy in regard to the Coy's competition & is in correspondence with Captn Sullivan. I regret to say that Pleasant Island rented by Captn P has been recently burnt & the Tussac destroyed.
13. The Coy have little to fear from the letting of any part of the Crown Lands – it will I think a source of difficulty & disappointment to the Government if they attempt any thing with them, but I hear of nothing of the kind. The arrangement made with the Home Government is considered here to be every way favourable & unexpected & the debt remitted by Govt to be clear gain.
14. I have twice supplied Captn Packe with the Weekly quantity of Beef required by the Soldiers (270 lbs per week) – his Beef is I think falling off & I recently heard Mrs Moore recommending a Lady to buy the Company's beef as being the best, & she added that she has been unable to eat some bought by Captn Packe. The Govr recently went to Port Louis & brought home in his Schooner the greater part of an animal killed from the wild for food whilst out – it was so poor however that it was given to the Dogs.

I am, Sir

Your Obt Servant

James Lane

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PS. Since writing the foregoing I have recd from the Governor the Letter of the 11th inst & the terms arranged upon which I shall rest until the Directors instructions are known. It wd not at this time be politic to increase the price beyond 3d per lb but it might be so. The separate article is not in accordance with the extract from Mr Havers' Letter. I fully understood yesterday with the Govr as to using the Peninsula until the Rancho was erected & this I think is unintentionally omitted.

No 4 1859

James Lane

Stanley. 11 Nov 58

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Awd. 8 Jan 59

No 5

Stanley November 15th, 1858

Recd 15 Feb 1859

Ansd 8 March 1859 No 216C

Sir

I send this by the "Labouchere" at the chance of Captn Trivett speaking a Vessel bound for England.

2. The blank No supplied in my "Settlement Farm" Letter was lbs of Butter recd here from the Dairy in the last 6 months. I enclose also a Copy of the Agreement with Shailer omitted to be sent in my letter of the 13th ult.
3. The "Victoria" sailed with a fair Wind at 1 pm on the 13th.
4. The "Labouchere" finished Coaling & Watering this afternoon & will leave the Harbour early tomorrow morning. Captn Trivett has been very well recd here & expresses himself much gratified with his visit. The Steamer took 180 Tons of the Great Britain's Coals (being all there was) at 45s/-. I enclose you List of Exchange for £484-12-0 *Ac/C 13* drawn by Captn Trivett on the Company for supplies, with Exps of Coals & Watering.
5. I employed 16 to 23 Men at various times to coal the Steamer, she not having hands enough to receive the Baskets on Board from alongside the Hulk. Also the Coy's two Cutters & Men to get & deliver Water.
6. By Captn Trivett I have written to the Governor of the Chilian Settlement at Sandy Point offering to supply live & dead Stock Provisions &c for the Colony, if the quantity required will be sufficient to remunerate a Vessel going every 3 Months, on payment in Cash or at our option in saleable articles on delivery, & on a contract being signed by a duly authorised Officer. The Coy are not committed by the offer & I wish to ascertain the wants of the Colony &c.
7. Mr Bailey, the Surveyor Genl, left Stanley this Mornng to survey both the Boca & Cantera.

I am, Sir

Your Obt Servant

James Lane

George H Cripps Esq

Enclosed Letter for Mr G Smith Esq

Secy

Hudson's Bay Co

del. at 4 Fenchurch St – 15 Feb 59 JL

No 5 1859

James Lane

Stanley. 15 Nov 58

Rec. 15 Feb 59

Awd. 8 Mar 59

No 6

Stanley December 9th, 1858

Recd 5 March 1859

Ansd 8 March 1859 No 216C

Sir

I last addressed you by the "Labouchere" in duplicate of which, No 5, & those of Nos 2, 3 & 4 are enclosed with Shipping Report to this date – it was midnight of the 15th before the Coaling & accounts were completed with Captn Trivett & he sailed early next morning. If there had been a Port in the side of the Hulk probably a day might have been saved in Coaling, but no time was lost. I enclose 2d of Exchange on the Hudson's Bay Coy for £484-12-0 & a copy of the Amount drawn for which I promised wd be sent to the Coy's Secretary. Captn T took many of the Coy's Cards for distribution & expressed a wish to call in again. I send also a Bill for £12-10-0 drawn by Heneage Freeling on Coutts & Co.

2. I enclose some items to Mr Havers' debit submitted to him with his remarks thereon – these items are only such as have come before me from time to time. I have had the quantities priced by his Butcher's account since he arrived in 1854 & send a Copy (summary) of it – also of his Monthly store account and of my corresponde with him *Lane to Havers 10 Dec 58 – Havers to Lane 10, 13 Dec 58.* as to accounts & you will see, my Notes on his Letter. He claims Beef without payment as being customary for a "Camp Manager". I declined to agree to it not being in his contract – I believe it will be necessary for you to have the Books sent to England when Mr Havers has made them up which he promises to do as soon as possible but he certainly does not make the most of time. At present there is in fact only a rough Cash Book, but 2 or 3 weeks application wd amply suffice to post it to the Ledger.
3. I send a list of the "rations" supplied to the Garrison Coy. The War Office send these Articles out annually at a high freight & wd be glad to be rid of it. The Govr originally reported that he cd not rely on their being supplied here except at exorbitant prices, but now he will write to the Colonial Office that the latter objection no longer exists if the Coy undertakes the supply at the prices I have affixed to each article & from which a good profit might be obtained. The last flour we obtd from Monte Video cost unto Store 2d per lb, but it was bought low. Except flour, Sugar & Coffee, I have in estimating prices, considered that the other articles wd come from England. I fear a supply will have been sent by Govt before you receive this, but this can be ascertd at the War Office. It wd be advantageous to the Coy to undertake the supply independy of the profit on the sales. The Beef contract expires on the 1st Janry & I shall tender for it for the following 6 months at the general price of 3d per lb. It is evident to me that 1 lb of Beef in England is equal to nearly 2 lb here. There is much less fibre & it is consequently less satisfying & I do not think it wd be prudent to require a higher price at present, it if cd safely be done.
4. I have looked over the printed forms of returns, but they cd not be furnished in such detail. The new system adopted of journalised entries, as sent, will shew all the expenditure & rects. If they are entered in a Ledger under the different headings given, such Ledger will then be a transcript of that kept here & enable you to keep all such classified tabular returns as you desire. I send the accounts to the 1st inst. Since those to 1st Nov were sent I have had some addl particulars given such as to shew what shd be credited to the "Victoria" for freight of the

- Coy's goods brought by her – the No of live stock killed – the weight – the weight sold & of waste (“consumption”) separately & the allowances to the Gleadalls & Shailer.
5. With regard to the Store, McGarrell's time is fully occupied (often after hours). In order to keep an account shewing what at any time remained in Stock of the various articles, it wd be necessary to have a Store Clerk to keep a daily classified account of the quantities sold. The hindrances to sales & confusion caused whilst engaged in a general stock taking renders it very advisable that it should not take place oftener than annually assuming no Store Clerk is employed.
 6. Referring to par 9 of my Letter **No 2** (under this head) I observe that it may be misunderstood – the reserve prices of the goods purchased was about £200 & the balance viz \$2050,750 included the repairs to the “Fairy” – the Victoria's Expenses, wages &c & the 150 oz sent to me – the latter mentd as about £500 should be £480 at 42 ½ the rate of exchange charged.
 7. The practice of ordering goods from England & the Plate which the Govr, Mr Hamblin, & others have heretofore done will not be continued if articles are sold at present prices – say at 30 to 60 per cent above the cost into Store or say at 60 to 70 per Cent on invoice prices when ord from England. But I cannot too much impress upon the Directors the necessity of sending out the Stock required quickly, it is getting daily more bare of articles, much wanted & if it remains so the Coy will not only not maintain the ground now recovered but the Store & Butchery had better be closed. The men employed here would expend their whole wages of they cd be supplied & the same with those at Hope Place. It wd not do to sell to them at a lower price than others – they wd not take lower wages & are now quite satisfied. Nothing has been condemned so much as “two prices”.
 8. The “Siren” will have been here 3 weeks – she leaves on the 14th with a Mail by which this Letter goes but she will not arrive at MVo or Rio in time for the Decr Packet. I have supplied all her wants including 122 lb Beef – 150 lb Bread & 60 lb Vegetables all daily. Bread has never been supplied here before. I advanced the Cash to some women to buy the flour of Dean & allowed them 4d per lb for the bread delivered from which they got a good profit charging 5d to the Ship. Vegetables obtained at 2 ½ charged 3d per lb. The Paymaster was quite satisfied with these & other charges, but the scanty store was a great drawback. The total of the Ships acct was £107-12-6 besides ready money purchases by Officers & Men. Dean has sold scarcely anything else other than that the Coy has not in Store.
 9. You will observe that the Store sales for the Month of November have again increased amount to £323-7-8 **See Jnl 14** & the Butchery to £117-17-1 **See Jnl 14**. The outstandg accounts due to Store to 1st Decr amount to £488-17-10 & to the Butchery to £196-1-8 both including balances to 30th August of which say £50 bad debts. The amount always outstandg may be taken at about £500.
 10. Of the 68 Tons of Patent fuel, the Books shew 20 Tons to have been sold – of the 290 Tons of House Coal by the Frowning Beauty 68 ¾ Tons to have been sold. The Solway Steam Coals the Books shew to have weighed when landed 184 Tons & they remain – but there is no other Coal here.

I am, Sir

Your Obt Servant
James Lane

George H Cripps Esq

PS. Captn Balfour says that the Spanish & French Frigates (flag) will be here this Summer – the Govr has written a strong Letter to Adml Lushington pointing out the advantages of his sending Ships here whh Captn Balfour will confirm. We are in want of account paper similar to that on whh the Monthly accts are sent & acs of 2 Manifold Writers.

Stock of Coals on Hand

Patent Fuel	48	tons
Frowning Beauty's	221¼	tons
Solway's	<u>184</u>	tons
	<u>453¼</u>	tons

No 6 1859

James Lane

Stanley. 9 Dec 58

Rec. 5 Mar 59

Awd. 8 Mar 59

No 7

Stanley December 10th, 1858

Recd 5 March 1859

Ansd 8 March 1859 No 216C

Sir

Referring to your arrangement with Messrs Gibbs Bright & Co as mentioned in yr despatch to Mr Havers 179C par 19 I beg to state that the Hudson's Bay Steamer "Labouchere" in Nov last took of the "Great Britain" Steam Coals from the Company's Hulk "Margaret" 180 Tons being all which remained of those Coals.

The Company's Books shew that there had been

previously sold of those Coals 20 $\frac{3}{4}$

Add the above 180

Tons 200 $\frac{3}{4}$

There were consequently only 200 $\frac{3}{4}$ Tons (in the whole) of Steam Coal recd by the Company from the Great Britain, deducting which from 269 Tons being the estimated (unweighed) quantity, the difference in favour of the Company.

No 7 1859

James Lane

Stanley. 10 Dec 58

Rec. 5 Mar 59

Awd. 8 Mar 59

No 8

Stanley December 11th, 1858

Recd 5 March 1859

Ansd 8 March 1859 No 216C

Camp Establishment

Sir

The returns of Sheep & Lambs in the form sent in my last Letter can be taken & forwarded annually after the Cutting & Shearing in Janry & Febry, & those of the other live stock in March, the Calves being dropped until Janry or Febry & it being unsafe until sometime afterwards to drive them with the Cattle to a Rodeo to be counted.

2. The Survey of the ground betn Teal Creek & Port Sussex has been made by Mr Bailey liberally – he with all others who have seen it approve of the locality for the Coy's new Establishment. The grants to the Coy of 160 acres at the head of Darwin Harbour & also of 160 acres comprising the site of the Cantera House & around it have been signed by the Govr. Two Leases for 20 years have also been signed comprising the Land (within the red lines on the sketch *No1* herewith) betn Teal Creek & Port Sussex – the black lines indicating the temporary occupation allotments. I send a Copy of the Lease of the Land adjoining Darwin Harbour – the other is similar. From the sketch you can make the correction on your Map. The reservation of 500 acres for a "travellers rest" & Land for their Horses to feed on is simply a subject for ridicule but in any case the part selected is unobjectionable. I have arranged to pay the purchase money of £64 for each Lot & the Rents of £10 per an: makg together £148 – out of the £250 payable in Janry for the Mail contracts. The Govr is too anxious to get money here to allow of payment being made in Engld as suggested.
3. I send a rough Sketch which I have made of the Buildings proposed on the Boca. Each of the Blds to be at up of 6 yards from the other so as to avoid damage by fire – the end of the Hide House & Shed in the Store block will for convenience be only a few yards above high water mark of the Bay. The materials will be wood from Hope Place & elsewhere with stone foundations for some of the Buildings. On the return of the Victoria I shall send her round to remove the materials at Hope Place & go there myself.
4. I feel confident that I shall not require to draw on the Directors to the full extent authorised for the Land purchases, even after reserving £250 to pay for Shailers property & providing all expenses of erecting the Dairy & removing the Establishment from Hope Place. I shall keep in view the purchase of 160 acres on West Cove or Anchor Cove (No 11 temporary allotment) which wd include Seal Island in the 10,000 acres Lease if it is not relinquished by the Home Government. That Island is only held on a Monthly tenure by Captn Smyley at £5 per an. With this purchase & at most 2 more I could get a 20 years Lease of all the district remaining betn Teal Creek & Swan Inlet & the Coy wd then be quite secure. It wd be enough to feed more than double the present No of Sheep & also Cattle near West Cove (English Breed) where there is some pasture suitable for the latter.
5. I went on the 3rd inst to Port Louis with the Govr, Mr Brooke & Captn Balfour of the "Siren" returning on the 8th. The House there (the Barracks of the old settlement) is in good repair & very commodious but at present it is useless. It must have cost Government not less than £800 but it was purchased by Williams

for £150. In right of that purchase the Company are entitled to take a Lease of 6000 acres within the red line in the sketch **No2** sent & it is fair land for Sheep – but there is no necessity for doing this until it is considered expedient to have Sheep there. Only one other purchase wd have to be made in this district, the 10,000 acres in right of which wd give nearly if not the whole of the Land, enclosed in the red line, from Rincon Grande Southward – this is excellent Sheep Land, a gravelly subsoil for about 10 miles with much sheltered ground & good valleys upon which more than 10000 Sheep wd find quite as good pasture as at the Cantera. At present Captn Packe has only 400 or 500 Sheep & I do not think he is in a position to want more land but feeling that it wd be very advisable for the Company to secure this district inasmuch as besides its intrinsic value they wd exclude all others from the North Camp I will when able purchase 160 acres as above mentd. At present Captn Packe's sheep & cattle have the run of the 6000 acres & of the 10000 above referred to but they improve it. I rode over all the Land I have above referred to with the Govt & Gleadall (who was formerly Captn Packe's Shepherd at Port Louis) & there cannot be 2 opinions of its value for Sheep. I send Copy of the Land regulations by which you will see the printed extract sent me is incorrect as to the term of years granted.

6. The Govr intimated his Wish to take Mrs Moore & the Children for a short time during the Summer Season to the Port Louis House payg a rent for the time. I have told him that he can have the key whenever he wants it without payment whilst it is unoccupied. He allowed me to send away 10 dry Hides I found there with some Lead & loose doors & Window frames in the Government Schooner. He is quite well disposed towards the Coy & anxious to benefit the Colony.
7. I have before mentd that the Directors must not expect to receive a large quantity of Hides now year by year or the animals wd soon be exterminated – this season you may reckon on 3000 but the thinning will be nearly enough I believe. It is necessary to consider in what way the flesh of animals killed can be turned to account & of salted to what market it shall be sent. But the first point is to be certain that it will remain good say for 6 Months after being put into Casks. No one doubts but that it will take salt well but some persons believe that the meat will shrink & become hard after being kept for some time from the fibre being so much less close than English or Fresh Beef – you will be able to judge of this by the Fairy's Beef salted here if any is left & I shall have at once a barrel salted to keep & send some when the Hides & Wool are shipped.
8. I hired Captn Smyley's Schooner at £2 a day to bring away the House at the 2nd Corral & a quantity of wood & iron there – also 33 Hides & 6 Bags of Salt – he left on Thursday the 2nd & returned on Friday the 10th. The materials will be more than enough to erect the Dwelling so urgently wanted on the Government farm & the residue will be useful for the Dairy & fencing.
9. The Coy rent fisheries at Port Salvador & Weir Creek for 5 years from 1st Janry 1856 as £8 per an: The fish (Mullet) weighing 10 lb to 16 lb each are easily caught in immense quantities & when simply dried & sprinkled with salt are very good. There is a market for any quantity at Rio & Bahia & it is said they have no fish there equal to them & that a profitable business might be carried on.

I am, Sir

Your Obt Servant

James Lane

George H Cripps Esq

No 8 1859

James Lane

Stanley. 11 Dec 58

Rec. 5 March 59

Awd. 8 March 59

No 9

Stanley December 13th, 1858

Recd 5 March 1859

Ansd 8 March 1859 No 216C

Settlement Farm

Sir

When I last wrote you with the correspondence as to the future tenure of this farm I had not had time to consider maturely the "terms finally offered". After doing so I felt it essential to the Company's Security to come to a permanent arrangement with the Government for many reasons & particularly having regards to the probability of Captn Packe offering better terms. I accordingly saw the Govr & after a long converstn I drew out & sent him a written form of Lease of which a Copy is herewith – this is more favourable than the "terms finally offered" as you will see on perusing it – the Coy are not bound to supply the Settlement at the minimum price. Hookers Point & the Peninsula are to be preserved for the Coy. At present there is no limit to the No of animals grazing equally on the common Land & Government farm but an Ordinance is to be passed to that end & in accordance with the Lease. There is now no probable cause of dispute open with the Government.

2. The Cattle which escaped from the farm have not yet been found – of 25 Sheep put last month within the enclosure behind the Store 23 leaped a sod wall enclosing one side & outstripped all pursuit but they will I hope yet be found. The sod fence has since been made secure with paling. Bonner & some men came in with Cattle & their Horses returned to Hope Place over the farm Wall in the night. There were in fact no means adopted to keep animals on the Govt farm. When I arrived they were kept within the barren Peninsula & nearly starved – you may imagine the state of things in this respect from the fact that of 47 Cattle killed betn 1st May & 30 Aug/58 weighing 14,627 lb there was no less than 2106 lbs said to be unsaleable & unaccounted for entered as "consumption" & since the 30th Aug out of 60 Cattle killed (being the old stock I found on the farm or nearly so) weighing 15,145 lb there was still 1369 lb 1/11th called unsaleable entered to "consumption". I have put a stop to this system & am far from satisfied with the Butcher. I have had difficulty in gettg animals from Hope Place just for food it being the custom to treat Stanley as of secondary importance. The best that can be obtained however from Manca (native stock) is without any fat but in a short time the increased grazing area they will have will no doubt bring them into better condition. The sale of Mutton is increasing – it is fat & much liked.
3. The Rancho at the Gate has become of vital importance to greet – the Horses were all knocked up in persuing the Cattle – the Men altogr disheartened & protesting agt being made responsible for the safe keeping of the animals & we were at one time only left with 3 on the farm for the support of the place & shipping. I alld a fresh supply however from Hope Place in good time by sending express & by turning them (with the Govrs consent) into the [line cut off when page bound here] until the Peninsula hope to get on until the Rancho is put up nr the Wall & I them expect that these constant vexations will be greatly lessened if no overcome. I am desirous to avoid sending the Cutter for Sheep & have recently had 58 driven from the Cantera here & put into the Peninsula until the Rancho is erected – the difficulty is to keep them.
4. The erection of the Dairy & Cowshed is progressing but 10 days have been lost by the illness of the only Mason unemployed. The Garden fence has been

thrown back to enclose addl ground for some tussac plantation & the tussac roots will be obtained & planted this month – all the cultivated Land has been planted & sown & Shailers superintendence is valuable & I believe will more than repay his wages. The Dairy when in full work which I expect in a Month will make the Coy very popular but all efforts will be thrown away without a properly supplied Store.

5. Pigs & Poultry have been more expensive than profitable roaming everywhere – but [\[line cut off when page bound here\]](#) & with Eggs selling at 2/6 & 3/- a dozen & Poultry at a high price they will be profitable when both are kept at the Dairy. I am collectg the best kinds of Poultry & 3 good Sows will litter soon.

I am, Sir

Your Obt Servant
James Lane

George H Cripps Esq

No 9 1859

James Lane

Stanley. 13 Dec 58

Rec. 5 March 59

Awd. 8 March 59

No 10

Stanley February 3rd, 1859

Recd 5 April 1859

Ackd 8 April 1859 No 218C

Stanley Shipping &c

Sir

The Victoria came in on the 30th Decr having left MVideo on the 18th & by her I recd your Letters Nos 205C & 206C with Enclosures & by HMS Buzzard on the 22nd ulto your Letter 209C. Also by the Book Post a nautical almanac for 1859 & Lights of South America. I now send duplicates of my Letters Nos 6, 7, 8 & 9 & of the originals of sheep left this Port by HMS Siren on the 14th Decr. Mr Hocquard writes on the 17 Decr "The Rhonda only arrived day before yesterday & gives entry today so that its quite impossible to forward the things by her" – they conseq remain at MVo until opportunity offers.

2. In ansr to your enquiry as to Mr Hicks *Havers to Lane 8J 31 Jan 59* I send Copy Letters from Mr Havers & Extracts from Books & a Letter from Mr Hicks *Hicks to Havers 15 Nov 54* to Mr Havers which will give all the information I can gather.
3. Referring to Par 6 of your Letter *No 206C* of 8 Novr, my previous Letters will have shewn that the necessity of reducing expenses has been kept in view as much as possible. After April when I hope all the new Camp arrangements will be completed a considerable reduction must take place. There are English Boys growing up here who will I think supply all the Company's wants without sending more out. Scotch Shepherds are invaluable of the class of the Smiths but at present are not required. I quite agree with the remarks as to the worthlessness of the Gauchos. Since writing *13 Dec 58* by the "Siren" I have discharged Pereira¹⁸ for staying here beyond the time allowed & after going a short distance towards Hope Place returning here at night.

Butchery

4. Parag 7 expressing a fear that heretofore "interest in the Store has withdrawn attention from the Coy's Camp business", is I think a misapprehension – the great injury done to the Coy both pecuniarily & in character has been at Stanley – the wants & wishes of the Settlers & Shopping have been to say the least misunderstood – nothing could have more completely tho' unintentionally played into the hands of Mr Dean & Captn Packe than the course which has been pursued – it is the common remark - & I am still at a loss to understand the attempts to make the Directors dissatisfied with the Store & Butchery – two branches of Business very profitable & which can be carried on at a small expense. Mr Dean it is well known feels his day gone by & Captn Packe mentd of selling more Beef than the Coy does not sell one third independently of Mutton of which he has yet none to kill – his Stock consists of about 600 Sheep & 700 Cattle – perhaps rather more – he does not sell Beef to Shipping.
5. The Coy is well served here & McGarrell, Rudd & Rutter¹⁹ particularly are zealous Servts. Saml Bonner shewed too much independc in avoiding unpleasant work & I was glad of the opportunity to strike none off those in permanent employment here. They consist of only the above 3 men & the Butcher.

¹⁸ Manuel PEREIRA, native of Banda Oriental, arrived per "Amelia" ex Montevideo to work for FIC 11 Nov 1853.

¹⁹ William James RUTTER, a seaman from England, arrived after October 1846 and before February 1851

6. I am happy to say that in the last 4 Months the Store has been relieved of much old Stock (still at a profit of 20 to 50 per cent) by sales to Ships Crews Troops &c & it is now quite bare of goods which I hope will not long be the case – if it is kept well supplied competition need cause no anxiety. In Decr Dowers²⁰ the landlord of the Stanley Arms pd Dean upd of £130 for things supplied to Ships & Troops – chiefly Spirits Beer &c – which he wd have expended at the Coy's Store had they been able to supply them. I anticipate that the net profits of goods wd be at least
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| persa: | 1600 |
| Sales of the Butchery Dairy &c say | <u>2000</u> |
| | £3600 per an |

This wd allow of a considerable sum being from time to time remitted to England – on the other hand without goods it wd be necessary to draw on the Directors for current expenses.

7. I believe the following to be well worthy of consideration in reference to Mail communication. There is no longer the same necessity as formerly for communicn with MVo as to Peons &c – it is a bad market – an expensive Port & a dangerous Voyage of 10 to 14 days. If instead the Schooner shd run to Rio with the Mails say 4 times a year, the passage wd be 18 to 21 days – she need but remain there a few days & the whole time out & home wd be probably more than 7 weeks – little more than to MVo – the waiting there nearly 3 weeks caused great expense or an excuse for it. But a great object in this change in noyward wd be to find a market for the produce of the Island – particularly Salted fish – of which an unlimited quantity can be obtd in the creeks rented by the Coy & others. The expense wd be small & the fish, often weighing 8 to 12 lbs are good & wd I think be liked better than the Cod fish now sold at Rio. It wd be necessary to send out a competent man to dry & salt them – the time to begin wd be after the Winter say Aug or Septr. He wd have to live in the Camp say about Port Salvador.
8. If what I have mentd as to the Store &c is carried out the Coy's rectx will be in proportion to the No of Ships calling at the Port & this can only be effected by making the place & what it can supply known as I have before suggested. A short statement shd also be inserted in None & Bowditch's Sailing direction Books. The Captain of the American Schooner "Sea Witch" told me he cd see nothing in those Books about the Islands & he has no idea there was a regular settlement. The Thames City has no chart & was beating about outside for many hours – it is generally the case.
9. The "Thames City" with upwards of 100 Troops on board was supplied by the Coy with fresh Meat & Vegetables & took 6 live Sheep with her. I placed a Cutter at the service of Captn Luard commandr the Troops, free, the wages of the men only being paid – they brought the Officers & Men on Shore & took them to the Ship after 12 oC at night having double wages. Rudd & Rutter being 2 of the 3 employed. By this arrangement they were always landed at the Coy's Jetty opposite the Store & what little was bought of Dean we cd not supply.
10. The Schooner Sea Witch of 108 tons was on her way back to trade betn the Society Isles & San Francisco & had about 90 Barrels of good flour on Board – Ship Bread & Tobacco. I bought 30 Bls of the Flour at 9 37/6 Dollars (selling at 46s/-) & about 700 lb of Honey Dew tobacco at 1/5d sellg it at 2/6 per lb. I also made favourable purchases of Besonot & Clothg of the Captns of the "Iris" & Josephine – altogether to the amt of upd of £150.

²⁰ *Thomas DOWERS; arrived with his family October 1849 on board the Victory*

11. The "Victoria" brought from Monte Video 100 Bls of flour – 10 Bags (1217 lb) Fariña cost unto Store 2d sellg at 3d per 1b – 10 Bags 1608 lbs Coffee – cost 7d sellg 9d per lb – 10 Bls Brown Sugar 2626 lb Cost 4d sellg 6d – 24 dozen inferior cognac cost 17/6 a doz sellg 26/- to Publicans 23/- - 20 Bags 1036 lbs Biscuit (Ships) cost 3d sellg 4½d – 126 lbs dried Peaches cost 7d sellg 10d per lb – 372 lbs Raisins cost 6½d sellg 1/- per lb 205 lb Cavendish Tobacco cost 1/6½ sellg 2/3d.
The 100 Bls of Flour cost includg commns & insure 926,400 Current dollrs or, with the Exchange at 43 166-0-0
Add freight by Victoria @ 30/- pr ton 12½ Tons 18-15-0
184-15-0
Say 37/- a Bl sellg at 46/-. Of the above 130 Bls we have sold 112 & I have been obliged to stop further sales to the Sailors.
12. Mr Hocquards acct to 17 Decr leaves a balance in his favour of £170 or thbts. I remit him by the "Buzzard" a sum beyond this for payments.
13. The Sales at the Store for Decr were £313-6-1 Janry £522-3-7. At the Butchery for meat in Decr £153-5-4 & in Janry £269-6-3. The Waste Meat you will observe no longer figures as before.
- 13a. Finding I cd not get Mr Havers to do anything to his accts I extracted from the Books with great trouble the various items charged to his debit & made out a Summary, a Copy of which & of my Letter *12 Jan 59* accompanying it I now send. Since then he has devoted 2 or 3 hours a day in a room by himself to the Books but I cannot say what progress has been made – before closing this I will endr to get something to send from him. I have had a fac simile copy *Recd in Parcel 6 Ap 59* of the Cash Book made & soon send it, so that you may be able to check anythg necessary.
14. Mr Havers quitted Malvina Cottage on 31 Decr & havg held an auction of some of his furniture I bought sevl necessary articles & by obtg others from the Store & Mr Dean have made a part of the House just habitable, but certainly not what it shd be – it was so extraordly dirty & unwholesome as to be scarcely bearable at the sale. I have had only what was absolutely necessary done & have taken away the Veranda & a range of wooden outhouses reducing the Court Yard behind by one half thereby obtaining a large quantity of valuable Timber & Wood much wanted and increasing the ground behind for Vegetables.
15. As to the Mail Service I send correspe *Lane to Moore 4, 5 Jan 59. Moore to Lane 4, 6 Jan 59*. Since then the "Cumberland" & "Buzzard" arrived – the latter bringing the Janry Mail from MVideo. The Admiral promises to send a War Steamer if possible abt every 2 Months with & for Mails so that at present the negotiations is in abeyance. In the year the expense of Coals alone wd be 3000£ or £4000. Cannot the Government be made to see that £800 per an: for the same service wd be economical.
16. I have had much difficulty in making an intelligible Schedule *Recd in Parcel 6 Ap 59* of the Coys landed & House property but that now sent is correct. Some Deeds were defective & I have had them remedied by re-execution & I believe all will now hold good. Dower has not been barred in 2 or 3 cases for instce Whittington's but it is of no great importance & cannot be remedied. I secd 4 Conveyce *R 6 Ap 59 in Parcel* to be executed by McDaid and attested by 2 Witnesses. By the existing conveyances the purchase money is stated to be paid "by the sd J P Dale Coll Manager of the FIC on behalf of that Coy" but the grant is "to the sd J P Dale his heirs & assigns". I also secd Copy correspondence

Longden to Lane 21 Dec 58 – Dale to Rennie 22 Nov 52. Rennie to Dale 28 Dec 52 – Bailey to Rennie 27 Dec 52. betn the Government & Mr Dale in refere to the selection of the 25 acres of suburban Land included in the origl Crown Grant – there was a great want of judgmt in choosing a spot so situated. The half acre of Land on whh Teja Cottage is built was the selected "Town Lot".

17. I enclose a Copy of the Provisl Grant of 25a, 2 ², P/4 in the Western Suburbs to Mr Lafone of which it is said the Conveyce has been lost – it does not appear to have been ever conveyed to the Coy. If it passes from Mr Lafone to the Company under any Deed & proper evidence of it is sent out a direct grant to the Coy cd be obtained. I send a form *R in Parcel 6 Ap 59* of Conveyce by Mr & Mrs Lafone in case you apply to them – two Dcharges & the acknowledgment by Mr Lafone cd be taken by Mr Thornton.
18. I shall despatch the Fairy with all the Wool & Hides she can take with no unnecessary delay after her arrival but with such a drunken Captain as Goss there will be difficulty. It is the curse of this place. By the Fairy & by Post I will send a list of further Goods required after seeing what she brings. Dean has a vessel out every year (about March) with goods. The Coy should charter one each year to arrive in Feby & large enough to take back all the Hides, Wool &c. If Dean's Vessel shd return direct & freight be moderate I may send remdr of Hides &c by her.
19. Mr Longden & Mr Bailey with Peons have been 3 weeks in the Camp counting Cattle throughout the whole of the Northern division of the Island & report the Nos at 5000 to 6000. I do not think Captn Packe has the means of buying any No if the Govt wd sell but it wd by policy in him to do so.
20. I have had some trifling repairs done to the Ship "Timor" in her Pumps & made some Purchases of the Captain for the Store of small amount. These Whalers are glad to get rid of surplus articles after being out 2 or 3 years & advantageous purchases are often to be made.
21. I return the tracing map *R in Parcel 6 Ap 59* with some alterations. Hope Place no longer exists. The Wall across the Isthmus was too far to the North. The new Establishment at Darwin Harbour is betn it & the small bay. The Wood rancho at Mare Harbour will soon be removed – the Stations are not easily marked with correctness but as altered are little wrong.

The Copy Cash Book &c I send as a parcel *R 6 Ap 59* from Monte Video thro' Mr Hocquard.

I am, Sir

Your Obt Servant

James Lane

George H Cripps Esq

PS. A copy of the Company's last Report was sent out to Captain Packe.

No 10 1859

James Lane

Stanley. 3 Feb

Rec. 5 April

Awd. 8 April

No 11

Stanley February 4th, 1859

Recd 5 April 1859

Ackd 8 April 1859 No 218C

Camp Establishment

Sir

Early last Month I sent the Victoria to Hope Place & she has since taken a Cargo of the heaviest material round Southward to Darwin Harbour & made sevl trips with lighter materials(to be carried across the Isthmus) to the head of Brenton Loch & I am now daily expecting her here with Hides & Wool (after which she will go back to Hope Place to complete the removal & bring what remains here & also the remainder of the Wreck of The "Robert Fulton" from Lively Island which I have purchd of Dean for £10 – I believe there is at least £50 worth of Timber & Wood there which will be very useful.

2. The Carpenters & others are at work on the new Buildings at Darwin Harbour & temporary Shelter Sheds are erected. I have only sent two Labourers & hope to get all done by the people now there. The arrival of the Man of War & Shipping here has prevented my leaving but I have been in frequent correspondce with Bonner & all is going on accordg to instructions. On the Ships leaving I shall go there.
3. I would call your attention to the valuable Sheep ground in the neighbourhood of Port Louis referred to in my last & to the advisability & means of introducing a flock there.
4. I send John Bonners anss to the Report on the Hides. The Shearing of the Cantera (Cheviot) Sheep is finished & that of the cross breed in progress.
5. By the next Mail I will let you know to what further extent the thinning of the Wild Cattle can be properly carried next Season.
6. I am greatly disappointed at seeing the condition of the Cattle still sent up from the South – they are very poor & small notwithstg any repeated injunctions to Bonner to send animals in good condition – the confined area in which so many have hitherto been kept must be the cause of this, because the "English herd" as they are called, with the only advantage of a large extent of ground viz in part of the Land rented outside the Boca are fat & heavy. To some extent possibly this may be attributed to their bg from the English Bull & lakg flesh better. Before long however the Rodeo cattle must be supplied with Butter from that herd. If Captn Packe had a large No instead of a few & cd feed them, his competition wd be felt – but he cd not feed food to fatten. He supplied three or four of the principal families with fat Beef genly taken from Long Isld or Port Harriet, but the Soldiers & others he gives inferior meat to – as inferior & sometimes more so than the Company's – one soldier lately bought here 15 lb of Beef saying that he cd not eat that was supplied as rations but they are afraid to complain openly to Captain Abbott tho' their dissatisfaction is well known. I shall give particular attention to this matter when I next go to the South.

I am Sir

Your Obt Servant
James Lane

George H Cripps Esq

No 11 1859

James Lane

Stanley. 4 Feb

Rec. 5 April Awd. 8 April

No 12

Stanley February 5th, 1859

Recd 5 April 1859

Ackd 8 April 1859 No 218C

Settlement Farm

Sir

Since I last wrote you the Cottage at the outgate of the Government Farm has been erected & the Gleadalls in residence. The Wall has been made good from Port Harriet to Mount William (which was the part thro' which Cattle passed in & consequently out) by 2 Labourers employed for 3 weeks & I hope there will be now few escapes of Cattle or sheep.

2. The sales of Beef & Mutton have been considerably increased as you will see by the Monthly returns.
3. I send a correspondence with Mr Brooke in reference to the Government farm & the "right of Common". That Gentlⁿ tho' the legal adviser of the Government took up a position of oppostn to the Governor & I found it necessary to make a stand at once in order to support the Governor & protect the Coy. Mr Brooke avowedly acted in the interest of Captⁿ Packe & all arose from fear of the competition in the Dairy. Captⁿ Packe as to Milk & Dean as to Butter. It commenced by Mr Brookes telling the Govr one day after leaving Captⁿ Packe's house that "Volumes wd go home from Captⁿ Packe" as to the Government farm not havg been offered to competition & that he (Capt P) "ought to be considered". A day or two afterwards I received Mr Brooke's first Letter & then got the Petition signed by almost every householder – after which he cd no longer pretend to not upon futile grounds. I did not have application made to Government Officers to avoid all ill feeling but Mr B was nowhere supported, & even Captⁿ Packe thought it better to disclaim in a measure his interference.
- 3a. I send also a correspondence as to the half yearly contract for Beef to the Soldiers – this is if possible a still worse attempt to act irresponsibly & regardless of public duty. The Govr will transmit the correspondence to the Colonial Office & it wd be well to consider whether such doings shd not be put a stop to by a reprimand from the War Office. It is wholly Captⁿ Abbott's doing & quite independent of the Government. Some Stores for the Soldiers arrived by the Cumberland.
4. In both the above cases I have acted in accordance with the Govrs feelings & wishes – after Mr Brooke has written his last Letter he told the Govr that he, Mr B, had mistaken matters & the Govr had suggested that no further notice shd be taken I wrote the closing Letter.
5. The Company have not hitherto has maintained their proper position – they have been a byeword & now that matters are altered some jealousy arising from fear must be expected – you must not think that I wd have entered into this or any similar correspondence willingly & particularly when so overwhelmed with other matters of importance has I not seen it to be very necessary to do so.
6. You will observe by the returns the great demand for Vegetables. The price (3d per lb) for all sorts wd amply repay the Company for cultivation – at present it has been so neglected that I have had to get almost the whole from the Settlers at 2d per lb. The being able to supply Vessels with Vegetables Milk Butter &c determines their coming to the Coy for their other wants. I have had the peat dug out & the ground made ready for sowing next Season betn Malvina & Teja

- Cottages & behind the former – abt an acre – it was a mass of peat it will next yr produce a good crop.
7. The Dairy Buildings are nearly completed – they consist of a Cow Shed of Stone 60 feet long & a Calf Shed adjoining. Also a Dairy Washhouse & 2 small rooms for a Dairy Man – the latter 40 feet long in the whole. A Piggery with 8 stalls, a Poultry Yard & an Enclosed Corral or Yard for the Cattle surrounding the Cow & Calf Shed – the whole forming a fence on one side of the Garden – the fence on another side has been removed back taking in a large strip of ground in which I have planted tussac roots & sown tussac seed betn the holes in which the roots are planted. It is already the chief walk on Sundays for the people & great interest is felt in it. The expense will be chiefly in labour. Scarcely any new wood will have been used, almost the whole having been taken from the 2nd Corral & Malvina Cottage & old wood in store – you will not consider the estimated prices of wood used as put down in the returns to be really outlay – the greater part was unsaleable except for a very trifle & as old wood & was quite useless where it stood. Poultry & Eggs were kept by Mr Havers behind Malvina Cottage & about the Store – all Eggs & other produce will now go for sale direct to the Butchery & Store from the Dairy. Every one has worked hard & willingly & the Govr gave up two Masons from the Govt works for a time – except for more than a Months delay by illness drunkenness & bad weather that time wd have been saved in the opening.
 8. I found it was not improbable that the owner²¹ of 10 acres of Land adjoining the Dairy on the West might be induced by others to throw difficulties in the way as less ground came betn the common Land & the Government farm & Shailer's land – he might have driven the Cows off his Land where they wd naturally go & create other difficulties. Hearing also that he wished to put up a House on Land more within the Settlement I ultimately arranged to exchange a one acre Lot (²/₃ds of which is rock) for the 10 acres – this has been completed & I enclose a conveyce *R 6 Ap 59 in Parcel* to be returned after it has been executed by the Company – the exchange is a very good one. Mr Havers bought 2 similar but less stony Lots in the same line or zone for £5 each – the upset price. There will be many difficulties to overcome for some time after the half wild coast calves first arrive & to get all into working order will be far from easy.
 9. Some red Clover seed shd be sent to arrive by Oct at latest. I have procured some alfalfa seed (a kind of Vetch) from M Video for sowing in the next Spring.

I am Sir

Your Obt Servant
James Lane

George H Cripps Esq

No 12 1859

James Lane

Stanley. 5 Feb

Rec. 5 April

Awd. 8 April

²¹ *James HOCKING; arrived with his wife October 1849 on the Victory*

No 13

Stanley February 7th, 1859

Recd 5 April 1859

Ackd 8 April 1859 No 218C

HMS Cumberland & Buzzard

Sir

The Flag Ship "Cumberland" and Steam Sloop "Buzzard" have been in port, the former 3 weeks & the latter more than a fortnight – officers & men in both about 850 – they leave for Monte Video tomorrow.

2. The Coy have supplied all their wants in Beef Mutton Vegetables Bread &c. Unfortunately the men have not been allowed liberty – those of the Flag ship havg so lately left England conseqly the Store purchases have not been great.
3. The Buzzard has taken 110 Tons of Steam Coal at 65s/- a Ton. She was 4 days getting this quantity on Board by her own men, so inconvenient is it to have Steam Coals on Shore & House coals in the Hulk. The Buzzard is to bring the March Mail down when I hope she will take the remdr of the Steam Coals perhaps 60 or 70 Tons but the Officers complain much of the time the Ship is kept dirty & wd be glad to avoid havg it here.
4. The Officers have been well received. Sir Stephen Lushington lived at the Governors a great part of the time. I made an arrangement with Mr Faulkner to have sevl of the Officers to dinner in turns includg the 12 Midshipmen & Cadets & all the Houses have been open at a considerable outlay to the residents. By the return of the Buzzard I hope to have Malvina Cottage in some state to do what is so necessary to the Coy's interest. A Ball will be given to night to the Officers & settlers at the cost of 7 unmarried men includg myself. No expense has been spared in fact to give a good reception & impression but the weather has been bad. The great thing to regret has been the Dairy not being yet opened.
5. I send you the Cumberlands first of Exche Navy Bill for No 61 312-8-3
1st of Exche Captn Sibbald on his Agents for No 63 20-0-0
Do Navy Bill of the "Screw" for No 62 30-0-0
Acc/c 13 362-0-3

Also services of Captn Trivett's Draft for £406-12-0 & of Heneage Freeling for £12-10-0.

6. I send the Navy Bill of the Flag Ship to Mr Hocquard in payment of his Balance & for purchases of articles which I hope to get by the Buzzard viz 50 Bls Flour 30 Bags Fariña – 30 Fanegas Indian corn – 20 Bls Brown Sugar – 20 Bags Biscuit – 10 Boxes Muscald Raisins – 10 Boxes dried Peaches.
7. I see little probability of my being obliged to draw any bills for funds here.

I am Sir

Your Obt Servant
James Lane

George H Cripps Esq

Recd by Rickells Boulcker & Co for: Hocquard

"Buzzard"s Bill for Coals	-	359-18-9
do Provisions	-	69-13-8

No 13 1859

James Lane

Stanley. 7 Feb

Rec. 5 April
Awd. 8 April

No 13a

Stanley February 7th, 1859

Recd 5 April 1859

Ackd 8 April 1859 No 218C

Dear Sir

The Mail having closed on shore before I could get the Navy bills, I enclose that of the "Cumberland" for £312-8-3 *No 61 ac/c 13* and Check of Lieutt Parr for £30. *No 64 ac/c 13* the other two for £20 & £30 are in my Letter posted here, to go in the "Cumberland"s Bag. Also a Letter *7 Feb 59* from Mr Havers only just received.

Dear Sir

Yours faithfully

James Lane

George H Cripps Esq

No 13a 1859

James Lane

Stanley. 7 Feb

Rec. 5 April

Awd. 8 April

No 14

Stanley March 14th, 1859

Recd 6 May 1859

Ackd 7 May 1859 No 219C

Stanley – shipping &c

Sir

By HMS "Cumberland" which left this Port on the 8th Feb I sent Letters No 10, 11, 12, 13 *Duplicates enclosed & Duplicates of Journal for Janry* Enclose first Navy Bills of the "Siren" for £30 & of Captn Sibbald for £20, with the third of Captn Trivett's Draft for £484-12-0 & second of Heneage Frieling for £12-10-0. In a 5th Letter *No 13a*, of which I had not time to keep a duplicate, written after the Mail had closed & delivered to the Paymaster to be posted in MVo, I enclosed first of Draft of Lieut Parr for £30 & Navy Bill of the "Cumberland" for £312-8-3. The "Buzzards" first Navy Bills for £69-13-8 & £359-18-9 together £429-12-5 I sent to Mr Hocquard in payment. Out of the amounts paid by the Bills we have paid the Townspeople in Cash a large sum for Vegetables & Bread. The total supply was 17,187 lbs Beef, 421 lb Mutton & 16 live Sheep, 6039 lb of Vegetables & 3504 lbs of Soft Bread – the two latter supplied to the Company at 2d & 4d sold at 3d & 5d per lb – this was delivered daily and regularly. Mr Brown the Admiral's Secy & an Officer of the "Buzzard" told Mr Hamblin that if he cd be sure of our having the Store well supplied the Admiral wd send a Vessel here to make up their stores as he found things better & cheaper here than in the Plate or at Rio.

2. The "Victoria" arrived from Hope Place on the 8th Feb with a full Cargo of Hides & Wool whh she discharged into the Margaret & sailed again for Hope Place on the 17th – put back unto Sparrow Cove in a Gale & sailed on the 19th not arriving at Hope Place until the 24th having had a narrow escape in a fog & from the strong current at the Northern Entrance of the Sound. She took in a Cargo & landed it at the head of Brenton Loch whilst I was there – sailed agn on the 1st March for Hope Place & after taking in the remdr of the Wool & materials sailed Southward for Darwin Harbour on the 5th inst and there in 3 days – discharged & took on Wool from the Boca & sailed on the 12th inst for Stanley which she reached in 8 ½ hours. She transhipped the Wool into the "Margaret" & is intended to sail for MVo on the Mornng of the 15th. I thought it well for many reasons to offer to send her and agreed with the Govr for £100 for the trip. No Man of War, it now appears, will be down before the end of May & we are without Indian Corn, Fariña & other things & only 8 Barrels of Flour. The wreck of Robert Fulton yet remains to be brought here.
3. The "Victoria" will have thus done good service in the first 3 Months of this year, but it made me very anxious knowing that both she & a valuable Cargo were uninsured on a Voyage well known here to be so dangerous. Her return from Darwin Harbour to Hope Place southward occupied 8 days – you will this see the great advantage of Darwin Hr for the Camp Establishment – there is 11 feet of water within abt 60 feet of the Shore & a short jetty might hereafter be built along side of which a Schooner might lie & the Hides & Wool for England shipped there savg the great delay & expense of bringing them here & putting & setting them on Board the Margaret & again on Board a Vessel for England.
4. Since my last we have had two Ships in. The Nowmahal from Sydney on the night of the 18th with Passengers for London – I had made arrangemts for being at Darwin Harbour & left at 5 the next Mornng but wrote the Captn placing a Boat

at the disposition of the Passengers & offering any assistance thro' Mr Nolke. We watered & provisioned the Ship & she left early on the Morn'g of the 20th. The Capt'n & his family dined with the Govr & I think you wd do well to see him. The account paid was as follows -

260 lbs fresh Beef	3 - 5-0
8 Live Sheep	18 - 0-0
100 Bundles Tussac for same	2 - 0-0
7 Tons Water	17-6
Hire of Cutters & Wages of Boatman	<u>2-10-0</u>
	<u>26-12-6</u>

The Capt'n wanted 9 or 10 Dozn Fowls & cd not get them – the ordinary price is 3s/6d to 4s/- each.

5. I wd advise advertisements being in the Shipping papers of all the Australian Ports & those of Valparaiso & Callao & San Francisco to the effect enclosed. I am constantly told by Captains that the advantages of the Port are not known – some have said that they had heard of it as a place of Land Pirates!
6. A printed statement on the fly leaf of note paper (say 300 or 400) shd be sent here, in the form Enclosed, for delivery to Captains & others – also 6 on Cardboard to hang up in the Offices &c. One of the Paymasters made his navy Bill payable to me because he “thought it was only called a Company”. The name of the company, even, no where is to be seen, except on a Board I have had put up with “The Falkland Islands Coys Stores” written upon it.
7. The “Florence Nightingale” had her Rudder injured at the Cape & put back – it was scarfed & bound Dean finding the wood & we the iron & Smith's work – the Capt'n very contented with the latter. I purchased of the Capt'n to the amount of upwards of £150 & a great part of the Articles have already sold at a profit of 40 or 50 per Cent.
8. I send Copy correspondence as to the conveyce of Mails. I had information that Capt'n Smyley wished to run the “Nancy” in March to MVo on an understanding with Dean. I at once saw the Govr & arranged to send her for £100 only to remain 5 days, at which Capt'n Smyley is very angry & threatens to write home – he wanted to get goods, particy Flour, for himself & Dean, tho' he professes to be very friendly to the Company – he says his plans are now deranged. Dean is very anxious to get command of the Monte Videon Market & wd come to an understandg with Smyley – or if not, we shd have a third competitor in the latter. I have after much consideration, therefore, and on other grounds, amongst which is the Cost of sending back Peons & families, free, by contract, offered to send the Mails for the rest of the year – 3 trips beginning August for £300 – by insisting on Ship Chandlers Bills being avoided & a short stay, say 5 days, I hope the expenses will be much less.
9. Mr Longden²² (privately) suggests that the Coy shd make a deputation to Lord Colchester, or Mr Rowland Hill, & apply for a grant of £500 in aid of the Mails & then get £200 or £300 more from the Treasury – as it is the £500 now allowed in a Treasury grant & the Post Office pay nothing, altho' the Letters produce some £200 per an: & they are carried to Monte Vo at no increased expense. I send a correct acct of the present population.
10. I write by this Mail to Mr Hocquard to enquire the price of Seal Oil at MVo & if there is a Market I cd purchase & quickly realise – 2s/3d per Gallon is the price Dean gives, which I see leaves little or no profit in England; but he gives the

²² James Robert LONGDEN; arrived 23 November 1843 with his sister Elizabeth HAMBLIN & her family.

same price for Seal skins, large & small, which pay well, but the Sealers will not sell the Skins alone.

11. The Butcher, Pettitt²³, was put in prison for a Month for quarrelling with his wife & assault – they both drink & he was obliged to be liberated for the sake of the Children. I did not reinstate him, havg previously warned him, & have placed Rudd who had charge of the wholesale Store, & opening a closed up Door from the one to the other inside. I believe he is trustworthy & the check of the one upon the other was little more than nominal. We have now a less staff at the Store than Mr Dean with more business on the whole to get thro'.
12. Mr Dean's Cargo whh arrived *per "Ecliptic"* in Jany 1858 was of the value of £6000 & he expects another anxiously – it will be a great advantage if the Fairy away sometime before his Vessel. Captn Anderson's enquiries & yr ansr on the 7th & 8th Decr as to the Fairy were duly reported here.
13. The sales at the Store for Feb were £240-4-6 & at the Butchery £262-3-0. with our bare Stock I am surprised at the former being so much.
14. I have by this Mail written Mr Hocquard to send one box of Codfish, which is consigned to Rosenthal & co of MVo by Kantzen of Christiansand – the mode of packing & outside appearance go far towards a good sale & it cd be well to have Pattern – the price at B Ayres is £40 a Ton & at Rio higher. I think the Coy are losing a profitable & large business in this respect & that it will be taken up by some one if neglected. An addl shed for drying cd be erected, at Darwin Harbour, for the labour from old wood & the fish diced & shipped there.
15. Mr Havers has given 2 days more to the Stock taking, but I cd not get them to go on until after the Mail leaves – the iron & a few things on Board the Margaret only remain & I hope to send quantities by the next oppority.
16. Of the 12 Wooden Houses sent out in 1852 – 4 were erected – of the remdr not one complete house remains but only parts of many – the parts wanting have been used for other purposes before my arrival.

I am Sir

Your Obedt Servant

James Lane

George H Cripps Esq

PS. I have given Mr Faulkner an order for £10 *acc/c 13* in favour of Smith Elder & Co for which he has paid Cash.

No 14 1859

James Lane

Stanley. 14 March

Rec. 6 May

Awd. 7 May

²³ Henry Cooper PETTIT from England; in 1846 was age 16 & a servant. Married Bridget FLEMING 1852.

No 15

Stanley March 14th, 1859

Recd 6 May 1859

Ackd 7 May 1859 No 219C

Settlement Farm

Sir

By great exertions the Dairy buildings &c were sufficiently completed by the 19th Feb to commence operations & on Monday, the 21st 51 Cows & 51 Calves arrived from Darwin Harbour in good condition after 3 days journey. The Cows had not been milked for a long time & many of the Calves were 4 to 6 months old & consequently gave but little milk. They are already tractable to the surprise of every one here.

2. I sell the Butter at 2s/- per lb – Skim milk at 5d per quart & Butter Milk at 3d – not selling new Milk. The first week gave 14 lb Butter & 96 quarts of skim milk – the second week 27 lb butter, & nearly 9 Gallons of milk per day – producing say £8 per week at the beginning.
3. The Dairy Staff are Peck & Wife²⁴ who live there Gonzales, & Edwd Biggs – the 1st £6-10-0 per Month – the 2nd £6- – the 3rd £3-10-0 – No Beef rations being allowed. Besides the number of Cattle there is much work in getting them in as they wander far the men are up at day light & a part of Sunday is necessarily occupied. As we milk only once a day the men will be able to assist in gardening &c in the after part of the day when all is complete – this month will be the last of the heavy payments for wages.
4. The Government found that the Soldiers did so little work for 2s/- a day that they gave up making the Road altho' allowed to work again about a fortnight ago. The Govr spoke to me about it and afterwards advertised for tenders. I sent in one at 5s/- a running yard which I believe will be accepted. I can get it done for 3s/6d & expend the difference in completing a short branch road to the Dairy yard.
5. I am glad to say that I understated the probable demand for Milk Butter &c – we shall not be able to supply all & make Cheese. The Butter cannot be better & it is generally said that the skim milk is little inferior to Captn Packe's new milk, sold in Summer at 8d & in Winter at 1s/- a quart. The few families he supplies take our skim milk for other uses than breakfast & Tea.
6. The Dairy has been of great use in establishing the position of the Coy & in putting an end to the reproaches (too much merited) formerly indulged in – we supply 40 to 50 people & deliver from house to House as far as it goes – & much milk is sold at the Dairy to persons going there.
7. The Lucerne which I sowed in Sept'r has come up well. I enclose some Clover heads which is only to be seen in 2 grass plots here, from having been mixed with grass seeds!
8. After the Winter Lucerne, Alfalfa (a kind of Spanish Vetch), & other food to be eaten green will be sowed & the expense of sending for Tussac in Winter lessened & ultimately put an end to. The Shetland Barley & oats & Swedish & Scotch Do have come up well, but unfortly the high winds have carried away the labels & I cannot distinguish them – they were only sown in Sep instd of before Winter & are backward in ripening. I send some ears of each. Also a head of Barley grown in the Govrs Garden from Seed grown here last year – you will see by these that cultivation need not be despaired of here.

²⁴ John & Catherine PECK; Catherine CREIG arrived 13 October 1849 on board the Victory. She was widowed in 1854 and married John PECK in 1857. John arrived prior to 1856

9. The words "cultivation" & "enclosures" were a signal for laughter when I arrived – people now admit that many things may be grown to advantage & Mr Longden Mr Dean & Captn Packe are enclosing Land – the piece behind the Store which I first enclosed with old Barrel staves, packg Cases &c is now admitted to be a more economical mode in the end than the old sod wall which subsides & cracks quickly becoming useless. I have seen a sod Wall however in Lafonia covered with the prickly Gorse (flowering yellow) which made an impassable fence & it wd be very useful to sow here – a sod wall & ditch is made for 1s/8d a running yard.
10. The seeds, of which I sent a list before & the things contained in the enclosed list shd be sent as soon as possible, either to MVo by Packet or by a sailing Vessel going there direct.

I am Sir

Your Obedt Servant

James Lane

George H Cripps Esq

No 15 1859

James Lane

Stanley. 14 March

Rec. 6 May

Awd. 7 May

No 16

Stanley March 14th, 1859

Recd 6 May 1859

Ackd 7 May 1859 No 219C

Camp Establishment

Sir

In my Letter No 14 I have mentd the work done by the "Victoria" in removing the Hope Place Establishment, Hides, Wool &c. On Satdy the 19th Feb I left at 5am & arrived in 15 hours (stopping 3 of them on the Road) at Darwin Harbour about 70 miles on one Horse. On Monday the 21 I counted the English herd & was occupied about the new Buildings, Accts &c – the 22nd at Orqueta & Egg Harbour Rincon counting the unbroken Horses sleeping at night betn Marequita & Dos Lomas in an empty building. On the 23rd counted the Dos Lomas Rodeo of Cattle – afterwards to Tranquilidad & Hope Place sleeping on Board the Schooner which had arrived a few hours before. 24th counted the Hope Place Rodeo of Cattle & set all hands to load the Schooner for the Boca at the head of the Loch. In the Evg rode to Darwin Hr (inside) making a circuit of 22 miles – 25th counted the Boca Rodeo of Cattle, on Salina's Point & afterwards the broken Horses Goats & Mules – 26th with the Shepherds shearg & dressing Sheep & in the afternoon to Cantera House & back. Monday 28th engaged about the new Buildings, Store & Accts and arranging future plans & rules for the new Establishment – the next day returned to Stanley arrivg at 8pm.

2. The counting of the Cattle & Horses, in different classes was done in each case by 2 persons – Bonner & I counted the whole, separately, one by one, as they passed on a narrow beach or out of a corral & did not differ 20 in 2000. The Nos are rather under than over as the Peons I know left some behind, tho' not many.
3. There has been great neglect & injury in allowing so many Bulls to exist. Before now they will have been all castrated from 18 Months old & the young half bred English Bulls, 35 to 40 mixed in the 2 Rodeos – these with others whh will soon be full grown, will suffice for the Cows – the numerous Island Bulls beat off the half bred. I send a copy of directions left with Bonner, from the observance of which much good may be expected in time.
4. I believe that the small size of the animals & their poor condition is attributable 1st to the in & in breeding of the Island Cattle – 2nd to the No of Bulls, which worried the oxen as well as prevented a proper increase & 3rd & least of all (I now believe) to having a too limited pasture. The Camp is certainly improving inside & many times the present No of Cattle might be fed by extending the Puestos when required.
5. I send you as statement of the No of Cattle Sheep Mules Horses & Goats which may be relied on & shd be retaken in the first half of March in each year. I could not personally count the Sheep as the Shearing & dressing was going on & not a day cd be spared to get the Wool in time for the Victoria. The lambs were all counted by Peter Smith as cut & the Sheep as sheared & I can fully rely on the old Man whose seal & interest in the Sheep is very great. One Cheviot Ram he says wd fetch £200 in England. The Cheviot lambs of 4 & 5 Mos old are as large as River Plate Sheep. More of next season, if it is favourable, shd exceed 2000. I have encouraged the Gentr here to visit the Establishment & finding no mystery believe what they before doubted & the effect has been good. It wd be very advisable to send out 2 Scotch Shepherds, one experienced, the other young but

- grown up – the wages of the former, to begin, if possible, somewhat less than Peter Smith, & the latter in the proportion – if unmarried it wd be much better.
6. I send a list of things wanted by the Shepherds which shd come out by Steam Packet to MVo. Spirits of Tar is found far better for the Scab, than Turpentine, in the Plate & some shd be sent out.
 7. Peter Smith very strongly urges 50 or 100 Ewes & 4 or 5 Rams, one year old, of the Blackfaced horned Highland sheep being sent out – his cousin Mr David Peterson, Wood, Kirkmichael, Dumfriesshire, wd, if written to, select good ones from Douglas & Douglas water nr Glasgow which are the best – thye shd be secured in May of may not be obtained good. You wd be able to learn the value of the Wool of these Sheep from Watson & McDonald, Wool Brokers, Devonport, who used to sell Peterson's Wool – one of the firm died since Smith left. You will find an account of these Sheep & their suitability for a cross with the Cheviots at p. 94 of Richardson's Rural Handbook – price 1s/- entitled "Sheep & Shepherding" – published by W S Orr & Co – P Row.
 8. I cannot see any reason to doubt great success in Sheep or that Cattle will increase & improve in future in a proper ratio. By securing Rincon Grande district in the North with that from Port Sussex to Mare Harbour on the South 40 000 to 50 000 Sheep might be well kept.
 9. Peter Smith & his two younger sons²⁵ will live at the old Dairy House at the head of Brenton Loch – Lee & his wife²⁶ at the Boca House abt ¼ mile off & both just under the Boca Wall – the head quarters & these two places bg within a mile of each other – Watson & son²⁷ will be in a Rancho nr Teal Creek & the 2 elder boys of Smith²⁸ at the Cantera House.
 10. The Horses are absurdly numerous – I wrote by this Packet to Col Glenfield who was recently in the Plate to purchase Horses for India offrs 500 or more – if they are not taken I seen no use whatever in keeping more than 150 or the best Mares & killing the rest, except the 5 best of the 7 Stallions.
 11. The Ocean Monarch has been a great mistake & is a constant heavy expense. The only foal there is by him & out of a Mare with good bone, is so leggy & light as to be quite unsuitable for this Island – he is like a young Giraffe. The Stallions are very fine Animals, strong & a good height & quite the thing for the Horses required here. It wd be well to consider what shd be done with the Ocean Monarch. The other Stallions might perhaps produce good foals out of the O. Monarch's breed of Mares – but better Horses than we have are not wanted for use.
 12. I think at least 500 to 800 old Bulls may properly be killed from the wild next Season from the neighbourhood of Bull Point but it is not easy to say very exactly.
 13. By this Packet I sent to Monte Video sevl Peons & in about another Month shall be able to make a great reduction in the wages at Darwin Harbour.
 14. The Hide House is completed & stands within a few steps of high water mark – adjoining at, along the same frontage, (instd of in a square as at first proposed) will be the Shed &, in continuation, the Store. I shall be able to dispense with a Dwelling for Spaniards, so that in the other Building there will at present be only 4 rooms with a good sleeping loft over each for English – 3 for married people 14 x

²⁵ *Peter & Christopher SMITH*

²⁶ *Jacob & Emily LEE. Jacob LEE and Emily Grace WHITE arrived in Stanley 7 January 1857 on board the Nithsdale and married 27 January 1857. Jacob came out to work for the FIC*

²⁷ *James & James Junior "Jimmy" WATSON*

²⁸ *David & George SMITH*

- 10 & one for unmarried 14 x 14. Bonner's dwelling &c as in plan sent will be in the rear betn the two. Spaniards will be sent to the outstations – every ng confirms the adve of the site chosen & I still anticipate no other expense other than labour.
15. If you could get the Government to include Seal Island in the Grant as it ought to be, it wd be useful. Anything which shewed people here that the Company's representations to Government at home were successful, & that they had a fair influence there, wd have a very good effect here.
16. Captn Packe has applied to me to purchase his Wool, Southdown cross bred, at 6d – about a Ton in all. I have not yet seen the fleeces but shd not give more than 5d – they weight about 5lb each Captn P says! & he wd not appear, by the quantity, to have more than abt 450 Sheep sheared.
17. The Commonage Bill is in static quo; the Govr tells me he shall send it to the Col Office in Draft for approval before passing it and that he shall keep the licences in his own hands. I shall ask for a Copy before it goes & keep an eye upon Mr Brooke, tho' I have little fear of any harm being accomplished by him. I shd not be surprised if Captn Packe has to pay for each animal the fell of £1 per an:. They have lately taken a different direction for feeding on the common Land towards Moody Valley at the head of the Harbour, our troop being too many for them.

I am Sir
Your Obt Servt
James Lane

George H Cripps Esq

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No 16 1859

James Lane

Stanley. 14 March

Rec. 6 May

Awd. 7 May

No 17

Stanley March 14th, 1859

Recd 6 May 1859

Ackd 7 May 1859 No 219C

Supplementary Letter

Sir

The "Victoria" when within sight of Darwin Harbour on the 8th got aground in a strong current & had to unstrip a great part of the Cargo, being very heavy with Wool, Lumber, Bricks & Bones. The two latter she had to throw overboard unfortunately, but the rest were got aboard without injury & she reached the Harbour on the Morn'g of the 11th & by discharging until 10 at night, was able to sail the next Morn'g, arrivd here betn 6 & 7pm on the 12th, Saturday, and Capt'n Morrison sees no reason to fear damage hav'g been done. She was full of Wool which has today been discharged into the "Margaret" & I feel sure of being able to start her tomorrow afternoon punctually. 4 Peons & families from D Harbour leave by her - & 2 more, who are good Men, have leave to return hav'g been many years Employed. 2 Peons of Capt'n Packe's leave, &, in all, she takes 20 with Women & Children – we receive (for those who have not a free passage) £28. Had Smyley run the "Nancy" we shd have had to pay 50 or £60.

2. I have just seen the Governor who now says he will pass the Commonage Bill before sending home & let me see a Copy before the Council meet.
3. The "Alexander" of Liverpool has put in on her way home. I have asked the Captain to take 800 Hides at 45s/- – h he is unwilling hav'g his wife on board & only the fore part of the Ship disengaged, but has not given a final ansr – she sails for Liverpool this week. The Capt'n (Bartlett) had a quantity of goods much wanted on board, which I have bought very moderately, in fact almost at cost price in Liverpool, as the Ship was going home direct – total £150 to £200. These purchases are mort opportune just now, & give great satisfaction to all but Mr Dean.
4. Capt'n Gales of the "F Nightingale" has expressed himself well satisfied with the Coy, & has written his Co-Owner to that effect – but Mr Dean has charged him £1 per day for the wages of each Ship's Carpenter! – they charge 3 dollars to him or at most 14s/- – this, even, is too much & I shall see what I can do to get the men to be more moderate. Capt'n Bartlett agrees that Mr Dean ought always, as Lloyd's Agent, to ask for tenders for repairs.
5. I hope the Metal for Ships bottoms will come by the "Fairy" – some of the Copper on the Victoria is very thin " some what broken.
6. I have paid to Peons from Dn Harbour this Month abt £130.
7. 5000 Tallow Staves as per advertisement enclosed wd be great use here, if they cd be sent without much expense.

TALLOW STAVES, for park fencing, &c, at 6s per 100. – J KNIGHT and SONS, soap and candle works, York-place, Old Gravel-lane, St George's east.
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8. Mr Nölke's time wd expire in May – I have found him so exact in book-keeping, & otherwise useful, that I have engaged him for 6 Months more at £20 per Month. I tried to induce him to stay for £200 per an: but he would not – his duties are not light & great attention is requisite in keeping in orderly the Store & Butchery Books – apportioning wages & matters of intricacy – in fact the state of the Books before Septr shew the necessity of having the accts well kept up, or all wd soon be in confusion with so much increased business.

9. Female Servants are much wanted here – but for the Soldiers Wives there would be none – they wd get good, indeed high, wages & quickly get married.
10. The Soldiers only get Beef, they say in England they are allowed $\frac{2}{3}$ ds Mutton & if Captn Packe could sell Mutton no doubt they wd have it. Could it not be remedied at the Horse Guards.
11. I found money running short and was obliged to give Captn Gales a Draft upon the Coy for £100 *acc/c 13* at 14 days right in part payment of the goods purchased thro' him.
12. The "Deogaum" has just put in with loss of Bulwarks Stanchions &c – her Captn is the Brother of Captn Gales of the "F Nightingale" & the Mate the same man who was Mate of the Glancus. The Captn is busy writing Letters to his owners and does not wish to attend to anything else until after the Mail goes – his Brother will recommend him to ask for tenders, but he says he doubts whr he will go counter to Lloyds Agent tho' at the same time complaining of being obliged to do so & for seeing how inconsistent it is with his duty to Lloyds that Mr Dean shd have it in his power to do what he pleases & charge without control. Another Vessel is in sight supposed to be damaged – a Dane of Hamburg ship.

I am Sir

Your Obedt Servant

James Lane

George H Cripps Esq

No 17 1859

James Lane

Stanley. 14 March

Rec. 6 May

Awd. 7 May

No 18

Stanley March 18th, 1859

Recd 9 June 1859

Ackd 8 July 1859 No 222C

Sir

I enclose duplicates of my Letters 14, 15, 16 & 17 & triplicate of Captn Sibbald's Draft for £20. the Victoria sailed at day light on the 16th having waited from the previous afternoon for a heavy Sea to abate.

2. Since my Letters were posted, the "Antonio" & "William Shand" have put in – the former with damage to Bulwarks & Mast & the latter with Bulwarks & Stanchions gone & leaky – she must discharge the greater part, if not all, of her Cargo of Coals, for repairs – 600 tons.
3. I had an estimate made for tendering for the repairs of the "~~Florence Nightingale~~" "*Deogaum*". I do not expect it wd be accepted, as its being to be sent to "Lloyds Agent" given Mr Dean the opportunity of arranging with the Captain or offering to do the repairs for somewhat less – the practice of asking for tenders has however been established & it will at least keep the cost moderate.
4. The Captn of the "Antonio" broke his leg in the heavy Sea off the Cape about 10 days ago & lost a man overboard – his Mate is inexperienced & he has put the Ship into Mr Haver's hands as Hamburg Consul – I believe however that he will ask for tenders.
5. I find that the Ships Carpenters actually charged the £1 & 16s/6d per day themselves – I spoke to the best man (not one of the 2 referred to) & offered him 14s/- if he was required – he sd he shd be satisfied with it but shd not like to give an answer until he saw what the others wd charge!
6. We have no Elm or American Oak Timber & the Government barely enough for the "F Nightingale" – they promised to let me have it, Mr Dean declining to sell any; if it was required. There ought to be a floating Dock in such a place as this.
7. I intended particularly to mention; when last writing, that it wd be of great advantage to get "Seal Island" expressly included in the grant – it wd allow of 50 to 100 Cattle being fed there on tussac, taken from time to time out of the Rodeo of Oxen, & sent to Stanley, when in good condition, for killing. I believe it wd put an end to our chief difficulty, Meat without fat. By buying 150 Acres in the rented plot 11, we might probably get the Island included in the Leasehold but it wd be better if it cd be arranged at home.
8. The non arrival of the "Fairy" is very unfortunate in all respects – the Wool & Hides & the "Frowning Beauty" Coals on board the "Margaret" may make it impossible to take the "Wm Shand's" Cargo on Board.
9. The 3rd week's Butter at the Dairy was 32lb & Milk in proportion.
10. I send a list of the articles bought of the "Alexander" & the selling prices – the original invoices were produced & I gave 10 per Cent upon the Cost – the articles are fast selling particularly Boots & Shoes. Mr Brooke took 5 pairs & others 2 & 3 each. I bought all the goods the Captn had, except about £50 worth, which the Publicans bought & they wd have taken the whole had they been in time. By Captn Bartlett I send a Box containg the Barley & Oats – those in white Paper (two ears of Barley) were grown in the Govrs Garden from Seed produced last year – the rest has been picked quite green & not filled.

I am Sir Your Obt Servant

George H Cripps Esq

James Lane

No 18 1859
James Lane
Stanley. 18
March
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June
Awd. 8
July

No 19

Per "Fairy"

Stanley April 12th, 1859

Recd 12 July 1859

Ackd 8 August 1859

Sir

I send duplicate of my Letter No 18, conveyed by the "Alexander" Captn Bartlett. I have agreed to take a Mail by the "Fairy", at the Govrs request, & shall despatch her if all is well, on the 14th inst.

2. The "William Shand", Captn Waller, was obliged to discharge all her Cargo, & I agreed with the Captain to take it into the "Margaret" at 18s/- a day under agreement of which Copy is herewith, as also of Certificate of character – she commenced discharging on the 24th ult & is still doing so – the stay will not be less than 3 Months. Dean's Hulk is empty & he offered at £1 a day but the Captn wished to remain with the Company & I made it 18s/-. The great advantage of getting Ships to repair &c is that the materials, Rigging &c & the Crews expenditure for Clothing &c is bought at the Store, if well supplied.
3. Mr Dean's tender for the "Deogaum" was lower than mine & was accepted (in Par 3 of my Letter No 18 I mentd "Florence Nightingale" instead of The "Deogaum") but he has bitten his fingers having acted on wrong measurements. Out Bill agt the Shop was £36.
4. The "Antonio" advertd for tenders – I sent in one for £90 including £40 for the foremast of the Margaret to replace the main mast of the Antonio – the foremast was a little short but wd have accepted I believe but for doubts cast upon its soundness by Mr Havers as Consul for Hamburg. The Captn therefore decided to have a new one & not having a spare I retired. The Captn has openly said since he did not wish to have anything more to do with Mr Dean or Mr Havers & buys all he wants at the Company's Store. Mr Havers bought a piece of Beef, unusually fat, from Captn Packe & presented it to Captn Bock who he knew was, at the time, taking our Beef, & still is doing so, "to shew that the Falkland Islands could produce" – I regret to say that these things are not uncommon, but by all are looked upon as they deserve. It wd be well for the Company to be Consul for Hamburg & other foreign Ports from which Ships go round the Horn.
5. Be good enough to send the latest Editions of the following *sent pr F 15 Aug 59*
 1. The British Tariff 1858-9 by Beedel-Bailey By Royal Ex:
 2. The best Public Notary's Guide containing forms of Protest (Shipping) fees &c
 3. Archbolds Common Law Practice & forms (for Government)
6. I declined to take out an Auctioneers Licence (£20) & Dean also. The Duty was then reduced to £5 per an: I am trying to get the Liquor licence (£20) either reduced or that Captns of ships shd be liable to pay it. Be good enough to ascertain whether there has been any decision as to what "Liquors" per se include – whether Ale & Porter altho neither the words "spurious" or "fermented" liquors are used & I shd be glad of the particulars if found. *See 21st C of Ordinance No 9 of 53*
7. I wd submit the prudence of insuring the contents of the Store agt damage by fire. *£50*
8. Reference to Par 8 of yr Letter 211C it wd be quite impracticable & of no advantage to do what is suggested. There is no difficulty in selling, but to get

things to sell – all is ulad over to Ships – both stores communicate by an opened door & are acceptable to Captns & others. I have been disinclined to mention such things, but feel bound in reference to what may be the difficulty in arranging with Mr Havers to send you the accompanyg notice – the “Fruits” for instance were on the Shelves in the sight of any body, & dozens in another part, & they were assured to be sold. Sergt Felton²⁹ has given up his retail Shop selling nothing, & has taken a Public House formerly kept by “Murry”³⁰.

9. The people's good feeling simply depends on the Store being supplied – that done, no one wd by preference go to Dean, who has the reputation of selling inferior articles, which they will not buy – incessant oversight is necessary, & insisting on civility & inviting complaints, is rapidly doing all that is necessary – even to overcoming the idea that there was trickery in everything. To find an end to this I have made no secret of the prices into Store & allowed the principal inhabitants to look over it whenever they liked. The Hamblin family (includg Mr Longden³¹ & Mr Bailey³²) are now quite with the Company & assisting me with suggestions &c – they were heretofore much opposed & with Dean – indeed Government seldom or ever purchased of the Company. Mr Brooke³³ is also quite friendly & admits that when the women & children are supplied with Boots & Shoes & other necessities, his last grievance agt the Coy will end.
10. Referring to Par 19 it is satisfactory to find Darwin Harbour approved but I shd be very cautious in communications with Captn Sullivan from what I know of his with Captn Packe & Officers of men of war – I cannot doubt but that the latter were asked to get Beef of Captn Packe.
11. I send you Copy of my Letter to Mr Havers but have received no other than a verbal reply. I shall do all I can after the “Fairy” leaves to get him to price the Inventories of Goods &c so as to obtain the valuations you desire – his intentions are a mystery to me & to all here. I send also Mail contract for the Last half of the year.
12. I left directions with Bonner to survey the Coast of Lafonia carefully, & he has found passes to 4 islands with Tussac on them betn Marequeta & Dos Lomas – there is a House “Matizo House” close at hand where a Man will live who attends to the Oxen Rodeo now began to be formed with 300 Oxen there. I hope this will enable the Coy to sell good Beef in a few months & keep up a supply – there is no water on the Islands but there is some close at hand & with attention this may present little difficulty. Bonner has promised to pay increased attention to the Hides bg well taken off – a quantity of bones will be collected there during the Winter.
13. The new Road to the Dairy has been completed & I have sold two Mules to Government for £12 each to enable them to carry shingle to cover the stone.
14. Some of the Milking Cows have broken thru' fences badly kept in repair – an attempt to get exorbitant compensation was made & I advised one of the claimts to summon the Coy which he did – I resisted on the ground that every one was bound to keep his fences in repair & succeeded. Mr Brooke havg viewed the

²⁹ *Sergeant Henry FELTON; arrived with his family 13 October 1849 on board the “Victory”*

³⁰ *Christopher MURRAY; murdered his wife 27 August 1858 & was sentenced to transportation 20 September 1858*

³¹ *Henry Joseph HAMBLIN, Colonial Surgeon, was married to Elizabeth LONGDEN; sister to James LONGDEN. The family arrived 23 November 1843 on the “Columbian Packet”*

³² *Arthur BAILEY, surveyor-general, arrived in 1848.*

³³ *Thomas Warwick BROOKE, Stipendiary Magistrate, arrived in 1855.*

- fences in question decided they were altogr insufficient & that it was the case generally with the fences.
15. When you have taken measures for a full supply of the Store I think it wd be very advisable to make it known to the Admiralty & by Letter to Sir Stephen Lashington, the Admiral, that it is the case, & that Stores can be had more reasonably & better than at any S American Port. Mr Longden has also lately told me that the Admiral cd send a Vessel here if they cd be supplied. The Vixen Captn Barnard some years ago bought Coals to the value of £900 & genl stores to £500 of Dean in a week or two.
 16. We have had some melancholy events here quickly succeeding each other – Mr Faulkner the Colonial Chaplain died **29 Mch 59** after 3 days illness of Apoplexy – I was with him when struck & at his death – an hour or two after the latter Mrs Moore³⁴ called to see Mrs F. I persuaded her not to do so – she returned home, was attacked with inflammy fever & afterwards with Angina pectoris & died on Sunday **10 Apr 59** last, 13 days after Mr Faulkner. In this interval Mr Nolke's Child³⁵ died after a day's illness & the Missionary Schooner arrived with the intelligence that Mr Ellis³⁶ their Surgeon has poisoned himself soon after leavg here in Janry! – the effects on so small a community is very sad. Mrs Faulkner had to leave her House to prepare for a sale & she will remain, with a young Man, Mr Twyford, stayg with them, as my guest until opportunity to England offers. The Governor has been in a sad state & every moment I can spare (& they are few) is divided betn him & Mrs F whose sale &c I cd not refuse to attend to at her request, but in which Mr Longden kindly assists. There will be more than enough here to pay all claims & I am glad to say Mrs F has susenances in England which will enable her to live. It cd be well for you to see the new Chaplain when appointed – the stipend is £350 without a House.
 17. I beg to suggest that the 30 June is a very inconvenient period for the financial year to end. The sheep shearing will not be completed in future until the end of March – the counting of the Cattle shd not be before the middle of that Month. The season for sealing & gettg into Port with proceeds is chiefly March to May & the 30th June makes it necessary to do many things imperfectly to be on time for it – the 31st Decr wd be better, & if you would by adjt or otherwise postpone the Augt meeting until then a much better statement could be made.
 18. The "Allen Gardiner" has come in & Captn Fell has sold about £150 of the Goods sent by her returng the remdr into Store. She will at once go to Keppel to bring Mr Despard to be examined under Mr Law's commission. Captn Fell & the Crew have made many purchases at the Store – I enclose a letter recd from Mr Despard.
 19. Mrs Faulkner's sale will enable me to buy what remains necessary for the House - if you have bought furniture it need not be sent if it will be taken back, but it wd probably sell here, if you cannot get rid of it.
 20. Be good eno. to have the Bones sent as dunnage reported on, as to their selling value in the 4 classes, separately, mentd in the Memdá on the Cargo. I believe the Horn & Shin Bones are worth about £20 a Ton – Mr Havers in 1857 bought about 13 tons at MVideo for £2 a Ton or thbts – I have it in view to gather a large quantity at a trifling expense.

³⁴ *Emma Jane MOORE, wife of Governor Thomas Edward Laws MOORE*

³⁵ *Emma Johanna Malvina NOELKE, age 5 months, from atrophy*

³⁶ *James Askwith ELLIS, age 33, took prussic acid 12 March 1859*

21. What the Governor has represented as to the monopoly of the Coy & the advantage of reclaiming dominion over the remg Cattle, is simply nonsense – no one dreams of anythg being done with them.
22. Mr Longden tells me that Mr Havers did affix the Coys Seal to Mr Snow's protest – Mr S seems to have no other friend here.
23. The sales for March, includg one day's sale only of the new goods, viz the 31st was £597-9-9 – At the Butchery £159-4-10. The Dairy is much appreciated but the Calves were too old & much cannot be looked for until some new Calves are born – say in 2 Months – twice the quantity of milk & Butter might be sold.
24. I send two Treasury Bills for £200 each, & Captn Sibbald's for £20 **£420 acc/c 13** Also orders in favour of Captn Fell for £35 **£35 acc/c 13** and of Captn Waller for £70. The former has deposited Cash & the latter is in payment of goods bought of him and wanted in the Store.
25. There is no definite arrangement for a Mail before the 1st Aug but some oppority will no doubt offer.
26. Mrs Parry³⁷, a very industrious woman as a Laundress, has asked me to mention her wish to have her Sister & two Nephews out here – the latter are aged 24 & 16 – one, James Boyde, she says, is a good Ship's Carpenter, havg served his time with Ouible(!) & Grayson, Shipwrights, Liverpool & the other is a strong lad. Their Mother's address (she is a Widow) is – Mary Anne Boyde, 47 Fair View, leading out of the Park Road, Taxleth Park, Liverpool. If the Ship Carpenter is a good one at his Trade, it might be well to make an engagement with him, & to send him out free – but he must well know his work and work on board without extra pay. I have told Mrs Parry, who has written to her Sister, that you will make a communication to her Nephew – the lad wd find employment.

I am Sir

Your Obt Servant

James Lane

George H Cripps Esq

PS By the "Fairy" I send two Cases of Books for Mrs Faulkner which please to take care of for her – also a small packet from Mr Dean.

No 19 1859

James Lane

Stanley. 12 April

Rec. 12 July

Awd. 8 Aug

³⁷ Rosina PARRY, wife of Laurence PARRY, carpenter & joiner employed by FIC. The family arrived in 1852

No 20

Per "Fairy"

Stanley April 13th, 1859

Recd 12 July 1859

Ackd 8 August 1859

Sir

The "Fairy" anchored in this Port on the Evg of Thursday the 24th ult – I send, on a separate paper notes as to her Cargo out & home & the occupation of time since her arrival. She sailed from England without having been caulked & without having the parts cut away by the Surveyors, replaced; conseq the water came in thro' the uncaulked seams & then thro' the parts cut away into the hold. The Cargo was in some cases damaged but much less than might have been expected. I send a Sea protest by the Captain & Certificate of the Goods damaged – if necessary, the former may be extended in England. I also send the Carpenters Report & the Abstract of the Log recd from the Captain. The Carpenter has made good all visible defects besides the caulking &c.

2. You will see my Report of the conduct of the Captain & first Mate – the second Mate is a hardworking Man & with a better Captn wd be a good hand – the annoyance caused, and particularly at such a time, by their conduct, has been very great. I hope you will be able another time to find a sober Master, & one who will well look to the state of his Vessel before sailing. From the extraor'dy things told me of what Captn Joynson has said, I believe there is no reliance to be placed on his statements.
3. The goods are much approved both in respect of quality & prices – the small quantity & the carrying other Stores was much ridiculed at first, but as the articles turned out to be good & suitable, pro tanto, people were willing to treat them as samples of what will shortly arrive. I send a list of them with invoice prices – cost into Store – & selling prices, with remarks. Mr Havers says it is a deplorable sacrifice & Mr Dean that it is madness – he expressly asked me as a favour, apologising for interference &c, to look to the invoice as to whether the Porter at £4-4-0 was not "a mistake".
4. I have taken for a long time, great pains to make out a list of goods which it is quite essential shd be in the Store – taking notes of the suggestions of all parties here. Mr Longden has expressed himself much in which he purchases for Government. The quantities may appear large in some instances; but you have been totally misled as to the consuming power of the place, & Shopping. The Publicans will I have reason to know buy only from hand to mouth when Dean's Vessel arrives, & wait for the Company's in Septr. I believe the whole Stock of Wines Spirits &c will not remain on hand 3 months after arrival. It is not too much to look forwards to that the Company may in time supply Government & Soldiers rations in the Island if they keep a proper Store, but it will not do to ask for confidence in intentions longer, & the Goods must be here. If the Directors wd consider that they are for the first time supplying the Store they wd do well & prudently & the rate of interest on borrowed money cannot be an object with such a demand. The Store now looks about as bare as before the Fairy arrived and by the next opportunity I hope to make a further remittance. The principle of remittance mentd in your Letters can be carried out only if the Store is supplied – otherwise drafts upon the Company will be unavoidable. It was said to me a few

days ago since "the very name of the Company stank in the nostrils of every one formerly – can you wonder at it? Or deny there were good grounds in the way they were treated – you have now the game in yr own hands to win or lose, but this Cargo was simply ridiculous, altho' good & cheap & useful as genl confidence – but what notions can the Directors have of the place?" One of the Publicans before the goods were landed asked me as a favour to keep him 5 Puncheons of Rum & 15 Hhds of Porter. I was obliged to divide 1 of the former & 5 of the latter amongst them! & the Gin in the same way – almost any amount of Hollands wd have been taken, particy in the square bottles. 40 Cases are bought of the "Antonio" by one man & more than half sold in a week. Another important view of a well supplied store is as to Ships Captns are great advertisers to each other & they wd call in if they cd be supplied as an excuse. Mr Longden estimates the Government Expenditure alone at 7000 or 8000 £ per an & the genl Inhabs & shipping as much more. Dean's cargo recd Janry 58 was, I know, invoiced at a few pounds short of £6000 & he has been for months barren of Stock & bringing forward old packages &c to make an appearance.

5. You will see that to send the "Fairy" only again wd be most unadvisable. A Cargo to the value of £6000 at least shd be sent without a day's delay. If a Vessel is bought a Brig carryg about 450 Tons wd be suitable. Seal Oil & Skins (which when in sufficient Cash I shall buy) with Hides Wool &c go far towards filling her for a return cargo. If it is not wished to purchase at present, it wd be well to charter such a Vessel (out only) as Dean does & it cd be done I shd think for £400 now. The "Fairy" if necessary might bring out Coals (Steam) Lime, Timber &c. Two Schooners are a useless expense; the Fairy has the best cabin accomodn & the Victoria wd sell at Monte video – the former wd do for the Mails &c to MVideo or Rio. If the Fairy & a Brig arrived in Septr, she might take the 1st Oct Mail to MVideo & the Victoria accompany her to be sold – a good Captn to remain in the Fairy wd be an advantage, for the Americans are not satisfied. Be good enough to communicate the Board's decision as to these Vessels. The "Lilly" will only take about 6 Tons & the Dorah 4. We want in their place one carryg 20 Tons which wd require only the same No of hands as the Lilly & cd be sent Sealing for the Company or on shares.
6. The return Cargo of the "Fairy" has been very carefully dunnaged & packed & no salt spared. We have still 500 Hides & upwards & more than as much again Wool. I must have delayed her some time to prep the Wool & she cd not then have taken more weight. I send the Captain's receipt for new stores & mine for what he has delivered into Store here. I am sorry that I have found it impossible from his conduct to beat him as I could have wished.

Hoping that a large Cargo may be despatched in July.

I remain Sir

Your Obt Servant

James Lane

George H Cripps Esq

No 21

Per "May"

Stanley June 14th, 1859

Recd 5 Sep 1859

Ackd 8 Sep 1859

Sir

My last Letters Nos 19 & 20 of which duplicates are herewith were despatched by the Mail carried by the "Fairy" which sailed on the 14th Apl for London. I could only get her off without grog on Board by Strategy. On the Bills of Lading being signed abt 2of, I unexpectedly accompanied the Captn on Board with addl hands & remaing there myself sevl hours got the 2 Auctions & Boats up, &, tho' the Captain said it was not possible to sail that day, he left at dusk, Rutter piloting him out of Port William. The "Victoria" came in on the 17th Apl with the London Mails of Janry & Feb. I will confine this Letter chiefly to replies & yr Letters 212, 214, 215C.

2. Referg to Pa 4 of 212 – you will see by the list of the articles brought by the "Victoria" on her later trip that the South Amcn trade is essential to supply the wants of this place, & that the Coy has an advantage over Mr Dean in being able to obtain such Goods.
3. Par 8, 212C, I have continued King for 6 Months from May – he has had constant employment even to over hours – the Cottages & Buildgs generally require painting & some repairs & there will be full occupn for him.
4. Par 10. The Dairy rects are now much less – the Calves are getting old. Betn July & Nov some 60 Cows will Calve on this farm – they are already nearly as tame as in England.
5. Par 11 My correspondence with Mr Brooke will have shewn the vital importance of securing the Govt settlemnt farm – in refere to Captn Packe it was everything & I now see, more than at the time, how essential it was: not only as to the Butchery, but also the Store for Ships supplied.
6. Par 13. My previous Letters will have made you acquainted with the nature of the Accts (if they can be so called) kept by Mr Havers. The marks ✓ in the Copy Cash Book sent, *in No 10, P13a (R6 Ap 59)* shew up to what date they had been entd in a Journal. I deld yr Letter *No 213C of 8 Jan 59* to him – With regard to his complaint about my refusing him credit I have before written – I was the more decided in this, after his refusal to pay his acct because I remembered that he had asked me to let him have all we had left of some goods & tho' I decline to do so, I did not, then, suspect his object to be to obtain all the goods he could upon credit.
7. Par 15 Further consideration & experience has convinced me that unless the Beef shd become of a much better quality, it wd not be prudent to salt it, unless as required.
8. Letter 214C par 5 – I have anticipated by sending a Copy *in No 10 P13a (R6 Ap 59)* of the rough "Cash Book" kept by Mr Havers. I send Correspondence with him which will speak for itself – every object in it was to guard agt the evident purpose of making it appear that he was detained and employed in winding up his administration & makg a claim thereupon.
9. Par 6. As to Mr Nolke, he had anticipated Mr Havers makg an applicn for his assistance & begged that he might not be required – indeed he refused if paid by

- Mr Havers for after hours. His time is fully occupied & I am obliged to do much in the Evenings to assist him, includg the whole Dairy accts.
10. Par 7. I added to yr Memda the questions as to the Brig "Main" & Flower Son & Co's accts and sent them to Mr Havers.
 11. Referring to yr Letter 215C Par 6. Previously to the "Victoria" leavg for Monte Video in March I had given public notice that any one requiring goods by her shd give notice & particulars at this office, 3 days before the Packet left – the object was that I might declare to being any which wd compete as regards the Store & I gave directions to Captn Morrison not to bring any unauthorised. None were asked for.
 12. Par 6. I have brought from the Govr 8 large Cases of Biscuits at Cost price obtained from England by him & he is disposing of other things – he feels it does not ansr to import.
 13. Par 9. Assuming that the flesh of animals killed in the Camp cd be turned to acct, the difficulty would remain of getting them to Darwin Harbour; Horses backs being the only mode of conveyce it wd be almost impracticable & unremunerative – they wd necessarily have to be brought in from a long distance.
 14. Par 10. I believe catching & drying fish wd be profitable. I have obtained the names of Houses at Rio & B Ayres from Mr Hocquard to whom to consign & next Summer a small quantity shd be dried & sent to ascertain the selling price &c. I shall have the shed at Darwin Harbour made longer than at first intended havg fish & the great annual increase in Wool every year – the materials for the 100 f: Steel to which you refer did not exist on my arrival – they had been applied piece meal to various Buildgs. If the Fishery shd be found paying the various Creeks in Port Salvador aboundg in large fish wd be valuable.
 15. Par 11. Liverpool Salt is as good for Saladero purposes as St Ube's.
 16. Par 12 & 13. I am aware of the risks of South Amcn Sheep, but in the last 8 years the breeds there have much improved. If the horned Highland Sheep (asked for in a previous Letter) they wd form what is wanted a new cross with the Cheviot & Sthdwn Cross breeds & infuse new blood – Cheviot Rams are not at all wanted – they are here as fine as cd be obtained – nor do we want Sows. If you send Shepherds, they shd be Herd men, accustomed to tend & nurse the Sheep in the open Country. Captn Packe to save expenses leaves them to themselves & loses largely both in Lambing time & Winter in consequence.
 17. Par 14. Duplicate of Letter 214C was recd – no doubt a mistake for that to Mr Havers mentd as sent.
 18. As to the accts I refer to my other Letter. **Se No 22 P 9** Under the head "Cash" they wd shew all the monies from Month to Month in hand & all other particulars. I have not adopted the plan of making the Clerk pay & enter all my private expenditure – but pay them myself & dischg my Store & Butchery accts monthly. I mention this to shew that the monthly extracts are complete & not partial as heretofore. Nothing can be more regular than the present accounts which, if anything, might be considered too detailed.

I am Sir

Your Obt Servant
James Lane

George H Cripps Esq

No 21 1859
James Lane

Stanley. 14 June
Rec. 5 Sep
Awd. 8 Sep

No 22

Stanley June 15th, 1859

Recd 5 Sep 1859

Ackd 8 Sep 1859 No 225C

Stanley – shipping &c

Sir

I enclose 1st of Exchange on the Secretary of the Missionary Society for £72-19-4 & Check of Mr Despard of £2-8-6 both *ac/c 13* recd in payment of Goods recently supplied to the Mission. Also seconds of Captn Sibbald's Dbt for £20 & of the two Govr Bills for £200 each, with duplicates of 2 Bills of Lading of Cargo by "Fairy".

2. The "Victoria" arrived from M Video on the 17th April & discharged Cargo value £700 of which I send particulars. On the night of the 25th I heard that some whales had got aground in Berkeley Sound & had the Schooner at once got ready – she sailed before midnight with in all 9 Men tools & necessaries for getting oil & whalebone. Howr ascertg that the informn was confirmed I went overland to Port Louis & found 4 whales ashore at different points. The Govr happened to be at Port Louis at the time & sent the Govt Pilot in the Cutter down the Sound to seize one of them. Mr Dean also sent his Cutter, but both arrived after the "Victoria" which took possession of the two best & the Pilot finding he had no appliances gave up the 3rd. Dean's Vessel kept at the fourth but brought away little more than enough to pay wages. The Victoria returned on the 2nd May loaded with Blubber & Whalebone & after boiling it, the produce is upward of 3 tons (850 Galln & 636 lb Whalebone – Accordg to custom the net amount (after deducts, wages of Crew & addl hands & all expenses in obtaing & barrelling the Oil) is divided into 3^{rds} of which the Schooner's share is 1/3rd net – the result is that I take the Oil & Whalebone at £90 net, paying over to the Captn & Men £60. I believe the Oil & bone is that of the "Finner" Whale & that the former is of better quality than that sent per "Florist". On the 6th May I sent the "Victoria" to Darwin Harbr with Stores & on the 20th she returned (after going to Mare Harbour & Lively Island) with 113 Hides & bones. Since then she has discharged her Ballast & been smoked (destroyg 113 Rats) & for the last week has been under repairs which was necessary in various parts & been caulked – upon the latter the Carpenters are still engaged – tomorrow she will be hove down & I hope nothing will be found to prevent her sailing on the followg day – but her copper I know is much knocked off & on her return she must be completely coated with Muntz Metal, if I can get enough at the Mount or here, the expense of which the old Copper will equal in value.
3. I have also bought of Sealers 252 Gall (1 Ton) of Seal Oil & 151 Seal Skins, allowg 4 Seal for 2 Sea Lion Skins amongst them & 240 lbs of Old Copper at 6d per lb – Dean's price has always been 2/3d per Gall & Skin indiscriminately as to size. I gave 2s/3½ d. The Oil leaves I believe little profit but the Skins generally a good one. An addl advantage of this business is that the Sealers buy at the Store provisions for the next trip, of usually 3 Months.
4. The acct of goods purchd last Voyage at M Video shews the extent of the necessary trade with that Coast, & the profit both in Freight & on sale – those goods are not more than enough to last until the return of the Packet at the end of Aug (the next trip to this) & already we are out of Bread (Biscuit) – besides Coffee, Tea, crushed Sugar &c. I reduced the price of flour to 40s/- finding it not a good colour tho' perfectly sweet. The M Videan business requires a

- considerable sum in hand which I have had to accumulate having commenced without available Capital – by this Mail I send Mr Hocquard £500 to cover his last balce & further outlay – with this, & the £150 or thereabouts paid him for the repair of the “Fairy” I shall have sent him in 9 months & ½ from £2000 to £2500.
5. I cannot find any account sales of the Fairy's Cargo in 1858 – it will be required for the Books & is useful in making purchases here. Be good enough also to sent amt sales of her last Cargo with separate values of the different kinds of Wool & Bones.
 6. I send a statement of what remained about a week ago of the “Fairy's” Cargo – the whole of the Brandy wd have sold at once, but I had just bought much more than has come be her, from Ships which has now been all sold – Goss³⁸, the Publican a few days ago offered to pay Cash down for 50 Hds of Dcr Porter if delivered in Oct at the price of that per “Fairy”. I hope at least all the Wines Spirits Beer &c I named will be sent – Hollands Draft Beer & cheap Brandy shd be sent by other direct opportunity in addition.
 7. I send a correspondence as to Captn Packe's application for the temporary occupation of the Land near the 2nd Corral, well suited for sheep, which it is plain to me will be the great business of the island, at least in the Camp; & the best tracts shd be secured in advance; for there are not many, indeed except round Port Salvador, I do not believe any are worth having, except perhaps so far off as San Carlos & C Dolphin. About the 2nd Corral & Rincon Grande (on the opposite shore) it is very good sheep land, & I propose in the Spring seeing it, & selecting 2 or 3 Plots to purchase, with the usual 10000 acres to each. There will no doubt be competition, both from Captn Packe, & Mr Havers, but do not think the former has the means to carry it to any serious intent, tho' of the greatest importance to him. Nothing is now heard as to Cattle farming, & all that the Government reported hence in reference to it was more nonsense – they cd not sell Beef under 1s/- per lb to pay expenses & then it wd be too poor to eat. I see very plainly that the plan & policy of the Government here has been to make it appear at home, that thro' their care & foresight only is subsistence here to be depended on; & to shew their importance – I have just ascertained that Mr Havers has stated that he expects a Genl Cargo out in about 6 weeks!
 8. The “William Shand” has been sevl times heaved down to the “Margaret” but his upper Timbers when down made so much water (8 feet in 3 hours) from the strain, that her forefoot (where the damage is) could not be got out of water to be repaired – a third Survey required her to be completely caulked, which is now being done, if effectual, it remains to be seen whether she can be sufficiently heaved down & kept there to repair the forefoot. We have the Coals on board the Hulk & shall in any event by quite secure. I do not know whether I mentd before that the wages you find charged as paid are not all outlay at the Store, farm, &c but much is chargeable to & repayable by Vessels & otherwise. Also as to the cost of construction of Bgs, the Wages of those in regular employment are apportioned to them & for instce Kings - & the hire of our Cutters &c.
 9. I thought it better to request Mr Nolke to give me his own report *dated 26 May 59* as to the present mode of keeping the Books, &, in it, to include replies to your notes on the monthly accts transmitted – the latter you will find correct – the sevl names under the head sundry Drs wd in the Ledger be carried to the respective acctg nomination. It wd be quite easy to keep a duplicate ledger in London in the

³⁸ *Jacob Napoleon GOSS arrived in Port Louis, Falkland Islands 16 April 1842 on board the brig Alarm. Built the Eagle Hotel and buildings (now Marmont Row)*

way I have before mentd & conyles then wd appear at a glance – the report is long & peculiar, but I wished to send it just as received.

10. As to Mr Havers there can be no doubt but that he has not chosen to complete his accts &c. I have found it imperative only to communicate with him in writing, & then it requires close attention to the correspondence not to be misled by his statements.
11. I send correspondence with Mr Brooke & also with the Governor, as to the very objectionable mode to which the former receives & acts upon any tale told him. He is a most unfit man for this Post, without any knowledge or Law or experience – he read a short time with a Barrister, but was never called, & came here from the diggings in California. Heretofore the Ordinances have been infringed at head quarters – such as the Govr obtg 30 Bls of ale disposg of 10 to Mr Wm Rennie³⁹ & 10 to Captn Packe – Where &c imported by one & divided amongst friends - & it has not been easy to make it believed that the Company will not resort to similar doings. It wd be well if the Secretary of State wd direct the information to be sent to him & inspected here by the Colonial Manager. I need not say that there has not & will not be the slightest cause of suspicion – I can only surmise that the last act arose thus – Our Licence expired on the 25th May & I had previously in ansr to a note from Captn Sibbald, as Clerk of the Police Court, replied that it wd not be renewed. On Friday the 27th I was at the Court asking Captn Sibbald to make me a Copy of the Ordinance (Liquor Licence) & in conversation told him I has bought more than 40 Cases of Hollands from the “Sea Nymph” then in view – whether or not he thought it had then got to be landed I cannot say, but on the morrow, Saturday the 28th, the Warrant was placed in the Constable's hands. On coming out of Church on Sunday the Captn of the “Wm Shand” asked to speak to me about what he termed “a shameful procede” supposing I had not heard of it. The whole of the Cases (except a few which cd not be got at & those the next mornng) were landed on the 25th in our boar & remained in one day light on the jetty for some time. After the 25th I never said a syllable to any one or thought of buying more than the Hollands. It is nearly sold, & wd have gone in a day, at a good profit but that Dean had given out that his Vessel wd bring it at a lower price. She has not yet appeared however.
12. I also send copy of a Petition & of corresponde which ensued as to Merchant Captains being allowed to sell Spiritous & fermented liquors without paying for a licence, & to which I ask your careful attention, not only as to the particular question, but especially to the subjects incidentally introduced. The whole case & strength of the Government rests on the Store not being supplied & it is the, almost only, weak point of the Company here hindering their progress & influence, & giving rise to daily vexations & exaggerations which cannot be particularised – besides the use the Government make in their dispatches which I know are so written as to totally mislead & that it is done with an object. The £20 duty is for one licence – I believe in England it is separate – for Beer – so much – Spirits so much – beer wd be the only thing worth selling by wholesale, to pay a duty for.

It is believed here that the Company has an influence with the Government, and will not support any representations from this place – this can hardly be wondered at when Govt officers offered bets (before my arrival) as to the Company not lasting thro' the past year. There is no necessity for the Col Manager to be

³⁹ *William Hepburn RENNIE, son of Governor George RENNIE. William stayed in the Islands after his father left 5 November 1855.*

otherwise than in good terms with the Colonial Government, but the people generally are quick to perceive & the Company loses ground if it submits without resistance to what is seen to be unfair or wrong. The time for proper influence to be felt appears to me to be come, & it wd have a very wholesome effect if it was felt here that the Company was something more than a name. You must be prepared for strong representations being made home by this mail in consequence of the non arrival of Dean's Vessel, for the last months consumption has left us very badly off. Coffee, Tea, Candles, Whole Sugar, Lamp Oil, Bread (Biscuit), &c are not to be had. No thanks are obtained for sending out the Govrs Stores & Govt things, if the space there occupied had been filled with the wanting Store goods, we shd have been supplied now. The course I wd suggest wd be to shew the Secy of State (in anticipation with Captn Anderson to whom Dean has promised to write) the extent of Stores shipped by both & get to arrive & to convince him as to future supplies &c not only ample for the Colony & Shipping but also for the Soldiers rations & Government wants so as to put a stop to stores being sent out for the latter. The Govr lately told Mrs Faulkner that the flour we had was "musty" – a statemt quite incorrect as the sale proves –he heard it thro' his servant who is the Mother of the discharged Watchman's Wife - & HE added that he had sevl Barrels which he wd let people have! – he really wants to get rid of it & all his other stores whh are not presently wanted, findg them not keep & otherwise dear. You must not give weight to Mr Dean's Letter stating that the Cargo will be too much for the Colony – he is very nervous at the altered state of things & says it is not worth while to carry

13. I believe I mentd before that I declined to pay £20 per an for an Auction Licence & Dean also – it was reduced to £5. When necessary I can take it out in the name of our Storekeeper. I find that the Auction Commission in the last 7 years has not amounted to the Duty paid, in defendg of attendant expenses.
14. The Wool press is imperfect as sent – the upper & under grooved iron plates are wanting. I have had wooden ones made & a Wooden Box with 2 shifting sides, in which to keep the Wool in shape whilst being packed – 5 pieces of rope are laid under & round it & fastened after which the press is raised, & the Wool put into Bags but the quantity which the press will hold, does not fill the Bag & some fleeces have to be put in loose. Each Bag weighs 316 to 380 lb – the plates wanting shd be sent. Bags are very needlessly expensive & instead, shd be shipped 500 to 1000 yards if thin & cheap wrapping at $\frac{1}{4}^{\text{th}}$ the price, of the width of 3f 8in – it can be cut here in the necessary lengths – also more hooping $\frac{5}{8}$ or $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch wide to go round, outside the Wrapping instead of rope, with strong cord & proper needles for Packing & an ample supply of rivets to fasten the iron hooping – the sides of the Bale are not wrapped round I am told in India & that no harm comes to the Wool for want of its being done. When the Wool here is all bagged, the press will go to Darwin Harbour for the next clip - & the expense of labour here be saved greatly – it is another reason for produce not being obliged to be so hurriedly sent to England, that much cost wd be saved by the regular hands at D Harbour having time to press & Bag the Wool, (which will annually so greatly increase) when other work allowed of it.
15. I have taken the examinations of witnesses under the Commissions in Snow V Ramsden & send it to the Solrs by this Mail – Mr Snow must fail in his action I have no doubt.

16. John Rudd has left £10-1-0 with me & will be glad if you will pay by P O Orders £5 to Edward Roach⁴⁰, Pensioner, Swineford, County Mayo, Ireland & £5 to Mrs Ellen Rudd, 13 Clifton Road, New Town, Exeter.
17. John Bonner also wants a Lever Watch to be made by Roskill of Liverpool, to order for this Climate, to cost £10-10-0.
18. Be good enough to select a modern Gold Watch Chain with a Locket for a Lady – to be good but not to exceed £4 to £6 & sent by the first Post – I will give credit here for the amount. *Sent in Despatch No 225C, 8 Sep 59*
19. On the 13th a Boat pulled into the Harbour with the Mate & 5 Men in her – they had come from Port San Carlos from an American Ship *Ellen A Miller* with a general Cargo (600 or 700 Ton) & Coals bound for San Francisco – damaged at Sea & beached on purpose at San Carlos. Capt'n Smyley is absent & Dean acts for him – I saw the Mate on landg, havg sent a boat to meet him, & found his idea was to get a Vessel in which to ship the Cargo (which is in great part landed & uninjured) for California. He then went to Dean to deliver his Letters. Mr Dean at once said that it was useless to think of chartering a Vessel at M Video & he shd wait for the Capt'n to come to Stanley. The Mate however saw thro' this & I wrote fully to the Capt'n & to Bonner offering Horses & that his wife might go to Darwin Hr &c & explaining that the Victoria was abt to sail for the Plate. The Mate also wrote very fully & we got a Man to go for £20 12 of a night with the Letters & to be back in time for the Victoria – probably the Mate will go by her to the Mount – Mr Dean wd be glad of a Wreck & sale &c.
20. Mrs Faulkner at the Govrs request, on her own account, has stayed a Month with him but she returned to me a short time ago. She leaves by the "Victoria" & will from M Video go to England by a Sailing Vessel. She will see Mr Blackwood of the Coll Office as to a Pension, & you will from her learn more about the doings here than can well be written. She is very well affected towards the Company & her statements may be relied on. She wd of opportunity offered give the Colonial Office much useful information.
21. The non arrival of the Moulton is very unlucky just now – it gives a handle to the Government. I hope nothg will prevent a large Cargo arriving in Septr.
22. I am now preparing to sow a good strip of ground with English Barley & Oats & have obtd some of the Shetland from Mr Bailey, given to him by Mr Havers – that of which the ears were set you had not a fair trial. I only met with it accidently in betn & it was too late to sow it for good.

I am Sir

Your Obt Servant
James Lane

George H Cripps Esq

No 22 1859

James Lane

Stanley. 15 June

Rec. 5 Sep

Awd. 8 Sep

⁴⁰ *Edward ROACH and his family arrived 13 October 1849 on board the Victory. He returned to Ireland with his wife and youngest daughter March/April 1859. They arrived back 27 September 1863. John RUDD married their eldest daughter, Ellen ROACH.*

No 22a

Stanley June 16th, 1859

Recd 5 Sep 1859

Ackd 8 Sep 1859 No 225C

Sir

I send Valuation of the Land & fixed property and of Vessels & Boats of the Coy – value cannot be fixed & I have generally looked to the Cost.

2. The "Queens Arms" Public House fronting the Harbour & in the best situation here, with a Town Lot adjoined with some Wooden Buildgs upon it and good gardens, are for sale - £600 is asked, but less wd be taken. The Public House alone, is let at £50 per an: increasg to £60. It wd be advantageous to the Company to have such a property – I hear that Mr Havers is in treaty or rather has asked the price of the Town Lot adjt & Buildgs above mentd, & it is supposed to be for a Store, it wd be betn Dean & ours. Be good enough to consider this.

3. I send a Sketch by Mr Nolke of the Buildgs at Darwin Harbour – the Buildgs are only in miniature – the Hill on which there are Cattle is only a rising ground & the Valley betn the two hills is not made distant enough.

4. In March the Butchery sales were	£159- 4-10
April	133- 1- 6
May	76- 0- 4
The Store - In March	597- 9- 9
April	955-17- 8
May	<u>439- 3- 8</u>
	2389-

5. I send Correspondence as the the Mails. From the time the Govr first asked me I mentd the 16th as the earliest day I could name, & that it must then depend on the state of the Copper & keel of the Vessel. When the contract was signed I expressly told Mr Longden the same & from day to day the Governor was informed of the progress made – on the Mornng of the 15th she was heaved down in the midst of sun & bad weather and havg carefully gone round her in a Boat I found a few sheets of metal only necessary for the Voyage (the false keel being broken but of no importance) & by night the Copper was on. At day break of the 16th (to day) she was brought to the Jetty & 6 extra Men & the Crew will be hard at work to get 50 Tons of iron Ballast into her, her sails, water, Coals, & Stores, (everything having been taken out to heave her down) & to unship her rudder, up to midnight at least, I expect, if not all thro' the night. King, the Carpenter, has been confined to his House for the last 10 days & unable to render any assistance. I took the two ship Carpenters off the "William Shand", with the Captns consent, & got two others also & it is quite absurd & unfair, after being asked to send the Vessel as a favour, for the Government to so act – as to the "severest economy" being necy the whole year's service is already provided for as the mails, & the money cannot be applied to other purposes.

I am Sir

Your Obt Servant
James Lane

George H Cripps Esq

No 22a 1859

James Lane

Stanley. 16 June

Rec. 5 Sep

Awd. 8 Sep

No 23

Stanley June 18th, 1859

Recd 5 Sep 1859

Ackd 8 Sep 1859 No 225C

Sir

My Letter No 22a will shew the position of matters here as to the Mails, up to 12 of on the 16th inst. The Govr evidently had determined to wait the Coming in of two Vessels signalled outside; one from the South & the other supposed to be Dean's Vessel. The Vessel from the south The "May" of Liverpool, came in about 3 of pm & a message was sent that she was bound for England. Had this not been the case, I have no doubt but that the "Victoria" would have been required to go on the 17th. On that Morning early they got the Captain to agree to take the Mails, but he required & was paid £50 – I left it to the Govr to make any paymt for the "Fairy's" Mails, but none was made. On the afternoon of the 17th ano! The "Moultan" & "Allen Gardiner" came into the Harbour together.

2. It now blows a gale of wind & rain & the Sheep cannot be landed but they are above & apparently well. Your Letters 216 & 217C all delivered & will receive attention but my time today will be so full, occupied (the mail closing at 4 pm) that I can only briefly notice some points. Mr Coleman's Letter from Gravesend also came to hand & the contents of the Bag to my address. The seeds are no doubt on board but there is no getting to or from the Ship this Mornng.
3. Mr Dean's Cargo need cause no anxiety if the Company receive one in Septr selected as advised. There will in future be no sendg to England privately for Stores.
4. The necessity for Stock taking & other information in time for the 30th June is very embarrassing – the first six Months of the year are always much more occupied than in Winter & Spring.
5. In regard to your remarks *in No 216C P 17* about our House Coal competing with Mr Dean's, you will recollect that it cost 55s/- a Ton on board the Frowning Beauty – in addition to which was 50 tons of Ballast delivered to her free in the interest of economy. I have offered them as before mentd at 60s/- a Ton – the only chance of sale is a Steamer, takg them instead of Anthracite.
6. Par 21. Captn Sullivan's plan is very wild – it wd be impossible to carry it out, without doubling present Camp Expenses, & there is no necessity for a Long time for more Camp – it wants time only to get into better managemt & Lafonia & the Islands will amply suffice.
7. Par 22. All the nets I have seen was an old torn one, in pieces, just round the palings of Malvina Cottage to keep fowls out of the Garden.
8. Stone Ballast of a good kind can be obtained for nothing beyond labour in Sparrow Cove – agreemnts of Ships Crew to obtain it – it is as good as can be wished & easy to obtain. There are no Boatmen who have Boats. I hire men for the Company's Boats when extra hands are wanted – 5s/- a day is the charge – but to coal 5s/- to 7s/- accdg to circumstces. I shd doubt if it wd be adviseable to **?????** the price of labour & nothing shd be overstated – I wrote to you as to this for "Fairy".

9. Par 27. I am happy to say Rutter is well & a valuable man, but the circumstance to abt you refer was a sad one – his little Boy⁴¹ had been to see him off in the Cutter, & reacg nr the Jetty or Beach must have fallen in – his body was washed ashore some hours after his Father left. The coroners Inquest which sat upon Mr Murry the day after his arrival brought in a Verdict of wilful murder agt the Husband, but on trial he was fd guilty of Manslaughter & sentenced to “transportation” for life. He was always a bad fellow & no one doubts he murdered the woman to whom he always behaved brutally it is said. There are no means of transportation – I believe he will be sent to England in charge of McLauchlan⁴² formally in the Coys employment.
10. There were communications betn Mr Havers & Cardinal Wiseman about the time of my arrival – but Romanism is at a very low ebb here & is likely to be.
11. It is well I did not take the risk of the “Victoria” arrivg in time, for last night & to day there has been a very heavy gale from the North & she must have put back or into a Port & that not without risk. I hear the Sheep have not another days food left on board the Moulton. The Shepherds shall report upon them in comparison with those here.
12. I enclose Treasury bill for £35 in favour of Mrs Faulkner endorsed to you – I secured her a Passage in the “May” for £30 & hope she will be comfortable. She wd appreciate any assistance which might be offered her in England – she will probably disembark at Cork & go to Hatchetts Hotel to be near her Brother who is a Member of the Parthenon Club.

I remain Sir

Your Obt Servant

James Lane

George H Cripps Esq

No 23 1859

James Lane

Stanley. 18 June

Rec. 5 Sep

Awd. 8 Sep

⁴¹ William James RUTTER, age 5 years & 2 months, accidentally drowned in Stanley 16 November 1858 and buried 21 November 1858

⁴² James McLAUCHLAN; married Annie YATES 17 September 1855

No 24

Per "Allen Gardiner" to M Video

Stanley June 27th, 1859

Recd 5 Oct 1859

Ackd 8 Nov 1859 No 226C

Sir

I enclose by the "Allen Gardiner" via Monte Video duplicates of my Letters 21, 22, 22a & 23 sent by the "May" Brigantine bound for Lucastown for orders for Lpool or London – by which Vessel Mrs Faulkner was a Passenger.

2. The Six Rams were landed on the 18th in good condition. I had them put into a Stable for n'time & turned out by day into the enclosure behind the Store – they go to Darwin Harbour today by the "Victoria". The various articles on the Bill of Lading were landed except Bags which the Captain has promised to look after, but at present he is wholly engaged in discharging cargo – the Corn was consumed but 2 Bales of Hay have been received. I have little doubt but we have better Rams in the Cantera Stock. Be good eno: to say what it to be charged to Camp Management for their Cost. I think it wd be well not to send more stock unless after advice.
3. I am very uneasy as to the "Lily" Cutter *Reported 28 June as safe* with Rutter a Man to assist him & 4 Sailors of the Wrecked Ship which left on the afternoon of the 18th for Darwin Harbour – they had not arrived on Friday the 24th & a heavy gale having blown outside on Monday the 20th, there is reason for much fear. Captn Packe's Cutter with 2 Men left for Port Louis in Friday the 17th & have not since been heard of, or rather since Sunday the 29th when they were seen anchored in Kidney Cove. I sent the "Victoria" today to search for the former party & trust they may be found – the Lily is certainly too small for such navigation.
4. I was glad to see the "Moultan" arrive – with the Cargo now soon I hope to be on its way out, you will be readily able to shew, by getting Captn Andersons list of Cargo, that the forethought of the Government here for the "subsistence" of the Colony will be needless. With regard to the extent & selection of Dean's Cargo no fear need be entertained & the Company shd act as tho' he had not sent any – as regards articles of general consumption a very few months will see them gone & many in much less time. If the Company have a well selected Cargo & good things, they will sell before Mr Dean's, but if the latter has a large Cargo & the Coy a small one the latter must be content to be considered second to Mr Dean, & the effect will be very prejudicial, particularly upon Shipping – if Captains can get Wood or Stores at one Store & not at the other, they will go for perhaps all their wants to that one, & the feeling is that if a Company cannot take the lead of an individual there must be something wrong.

The Beer Spirits &c is nearly all sold. There is a great outcry that there is no "Jam" – ours is gone – the followg are some of the selling prices

Hollands (John D Kuyper 12 Bottles to Case) 12s/- per Case

Stout 8s/- per Gall. Hollands in Cask 4s/2d per Gall

Rum 4/6 5/6 7s/- per Gall. Ale (Draft) £5-10-0 Bl

Porter Draft 4-10-0 per Bl. Bottled Porter 10s/- per doz

Bottled Ale 11s/- a doz.

– These were sold from the Jetty chiefly – the articles for the Store are not genly on sale yet.

5. An effort ought to be made at the Horse Guards & Colonial Office in reference to the Government supplies genly, & those for the Troops, & to prevent them being sent out as at present. The Horse Guards auths arranged with Captn Anderson that 25 Tons of Coals for the troops shd be sold here at 80s/- a Ton – whether an absolute sale, or not I do not know but I have offered to deliver to Captn Abbott that quantity at 60s/- I case he has an option – ours when I just came were reduced by me to 70s/- & for some Months to 60s/-. The buyers have to take them on board which will make 4s/- or 5s/- a Ton addl to the Governmt.
6. If I sent the office Books it wd afford an excuse to Mr Havers not to go on with them & they wd be unintelligible almost at present – the Copy of the “rough” Cash Book & my notes of the acct will have given you some insight into them. On Satdy the 18th Mr Havers took the rough & fair Cash Books to continue the entries in the latter since Oct 1856.
7. With regard to the live Stock return, I hope that sent in March **No 16, 5** will be found to meet the Directors wishes – I had sent it to Bonner in that form (keeping the Lambs however all separate from the Sheep) to be entered in a Book leaving spare Columns for future years – the counting wd be annually in March. There will be no difficulty in Advisg you of the denomination of certain articles from time to time but a large Cargo shd be had to start with & to give time for communication & rect of renewal. I shall take stock before the next cargo arrives devidg it into Monte Videan goods – Old Stock (before I arrived) & Goods recd since.
8. Hope Place is entirely abandoned & animals have now a large extent of good pasture there which they wd not before approach.
9. The Directors need not provide funds for land Purchases – that can be done here if proper supplies arrive. I see no need to purchase any more of the temporary allotments, until, at least, the Governt require the option to be exercised – no time was named within which the Coy might purchase without competition – 4 allotments at most near Salvador need to be thought of.
10. The “Victor” (Phillip’s boat) has come in with Seals & Oil worth 300 to £400. Smyley is off the Coast trying out Oil with a Cargo of Seals & Oil worth here £600 to £700 – 3 to 4 Min this Voyage. His want of funds prevents my making these profitable purchases by way of remittance – cash is necessary to pay for them. Hereafter, or rather after the next Cargo arrives, I hope it will be otherwise – the expenditure, on small things, to put properly into decent order & prevent decay has been considerable, (besides the expense of removing Hope Place, the Dairy &c &c) for everything has the appearance of a Bankg Company.
11. After my letter **Nos 22, 11** per “May”, was despatched a shameful proceeding came to my knowledge by Captn Sibbald, as the instrument, not unconnected, I feel assured, with the Governor – Looking to Captn & Mrs Sibbald being his Br & Sister in Law, the Storekeeper might have been induced to fall into the trap. I believe Captn Sibbald himself (probably when stupid from drink which is not unusual, for he is a lost man) made some story to Mr Brooke on which the Warrant issued on the 28th May - & that one or both tried to find ex port facto grounds to justify them. I do not of course know the Directors will view these things, but, tho’ this kind of correspondence is far from agreeable, I felt it a duty to notice it. U have little hope of alteration here however, with the present Governor, unless the Govt at home notice it, of which they are here in great fear.
12. I have made a careful estimate of the Cost of the Wooden fence placed round the Paddock behind the Store, constructed from old Boxes & Barrels useless for anythg but fire wood & it is as least 2s/6d to 2s/9d per Yard & of course not

durable – with the same materials bought it wd be at least 6d per yard more. By Messr Young Son & his Book of iron fencing I find theirs wd be very economical – 10 or 15 acres round the Dairy shd be at once enclosed, to supply Turnips & Green food to the Cows & Calves in Winter & to grow Vegetables for Shipping, which I now require to be taken of us if at all, then they buy Beef. The fence described in Plate 4 wd do as regards the rough Cheaper Posts, which shd be a foot longer than usual to allow of going thro' the Peat – the height of the fence shd be 5¼ feet above ground & the Wires as in Plate 8 in reference to distance from each other – the object is more to keep Cattle out than in. I shd judge from the prices in Plates 3 & 4 (a check delivery & fixing are included, that you cd obtain a quantity, with rough posts, at 1s/- to ¼ a yard. It wd be of great importance to have 2000 or 2500 yards sent out by the Earliest opportunity to enclose the next Spring Crops, & they sd then be fully late – 3 of the Spring Iron Gates, with plain, but solid iron Posts wd be required & wd be much cheaper than wood & labour.

13. I believe it wd be greatly to the Company's Interest to engage Phillips⁴³, the Ship Carpenter regularly – he has offered me to come for 8s/- a day regular work – he is the head Ship Carpenter here & is always on Surveys – if King's health does not keep good, I think that Phillips wd be the man to have – he wd have influence with Captains, & his interest here with the Company wd be very useful. If you have made no engagemt as to a Ships Carpenter I think it wd be well not to do so at present.
14. The Owners of the "Moultan" shd have limited his time for dischargg Cargo it will suffer for it. The Captain found out in 3 days with whom he had to deal – he wd be a good Man & the Mate also for the Company – he expects to be home in Novr or Decr. If a ship is chartered the time for dischargg here shd expressly exclude days when the wind & weather prevents boats working, as very often the Goods wd be saturated betn the Ship & Shore in Boats in a very short time.
15. This has been the severest Weather, already, for 7 years but tho' there has been snow for nearly a fortnight, there have been two days when it has disappeared, & today it is again gone. Bonner wrote me that "the Cattle & Horses are in Middling Condition, in fact better than could be expected considering such severe weather". Captain Packe has been unable to supply the few families with Milk who take it from him – I have let the Hamblin's have some in consequence, tho' our supply is very small just now of course.
16. The "William Shand" will probably be condemned & the Coals sold – she fills so quickly with Water when hove down, altho' well caulked, from the strain upon an old Ship that there is little chance of the repairs to her forefort being effected. The Coals wd then be sold – some 560 Tons remaining & the Hulk. I shall not thing of the buying the latter except for old materials & very cheap, but the Coal certainly if not high – it cd be sold at Monte Video & sent by the Schooners from time to time I think – but I shall not send much until I hear whether you wish it kept for Steamers (arranged to call). I send a description of the Coal.
The "Helen Miller" must be sold as a wreck – she is comparatively a new Ship & I hear Oak built. I have no doubt she can be run into Careening Bay (San Carlos) where the rise & fall wd enable repairs to be effected. Her Cabin Stores & some others will be sold here but the great Bulk will be transhipped & sent for sale, perhaps to Monte Video, if not round the Horn. The Captn is detained at the wreck, waiting for the Men sent with Rutter. The Mate goes to Monte Video by

⁴³ John PHILLIPS

the Allen Gardiner for a Ship. He will not have more to do with Dean than he can help & has asked me for a Letter to our Agent & I gave him one to Mr Hocquard on the understandg that if the Cargo is sent there, he shall attend to it. No doubt there will be much profitable business coming out of this large wreck but I fear my funds & other means will not allow of its being availed of much.

17. If there is time after the "Victoria" returns from D Harbour, I intend sending her to Bleaker's Island with Barrels to shoot Pigs there wild, & salt it on the spot in order to take to Monte Video in August (the 1st) but there may not be time before that date – if not she will do in Septr, as if I am not deceived the Pigs must have increased there. You may rely on my making no purchases of the wrecks involving risk.
- 17a. Capt'n Waller of the "William Shand" writes to his Owners by this Mail "Messrs James Jackson & Co South John St Liverpool" – if you see no objection I think it wd be only just to him to let them known that he is doing his utmost for their interest – he is a very steady, respectable, man, & actively interests himself for the Company. Dean is very much annoyed if unwise & trys all he can to foil him with the Surveyor & other ways.
18. We very much want Elen for sails of Ships 3 inches thick & 12 inches wide. Oak posts for Ships stanchions also – say 500 feet of Elen & 10 good size Oak Posts. I will write you more fully by the August mail as to Dean's Cargo & other matters. Whilst it occurs to me "Janes" shd be sent in more than double the quantity mentd in my List. Scotch short bread & other preserves wd sell immediately & Men of War & passenger ships take large quantities. Dross as before in large quantities shd be sent. The Cheeses per Fairy were dry Wilshire moist cheeses, but good, are preferred I find.
19. Since writing the foregoing I have recd the Govrs Letter of the 27th inst – Capt'n Sibbald was with Parry the Constable (when he held the warrant) about the Store on the 28th & from other circumstances I have no doubt but that the enquiries he made at the Store were made with an object & not without the Governors knowledge.
20. I enclose Second of Exchange of Mr Despard's Draft fpr £72-19-4 & Thirds of Sibbalds £20 & of two Govt Drafts for £200 Each with duplicates of march Aprl & May accounts.
21. I have for a long time felt uneasy as to the Voyages of the "Lily" – she is too small to risk sevl lives in on such a Coast as this, & such is the general feling – we want a Boat capable of carrying abt 30 Tons which 3 hands wd manage, as is usual with the "Lily". The expense in the latter also is far too great to expect any one to bear – there is no Cabin – only a covered deck – the head man is obliged to sit continually at the helm drenched thro' & thro'. It is a necessity to have a good boat to go round the Coast & the Schooners get much knocked about in such trips and draw too much water for many parts. Be good eno' to instruct me as to this – at M Video probably a suitable Boat cd be obtained. She might often be sent sealing on shares.
22. See 216, 8/20- I am obliged to the Directors for the terms in which they refer to my stay here. I never contemplated remaining & putting aside even the many local privations & the very heavy & responsible duties to undertake, if set about with the determination to use all possible means towards success, there are family considerations which make a decision to stay very painful & perplexing. On the other hand there are reasons to which I feel I ought to give full weight, & feeling a strong conviction that if supported, I may be able to make the Company prosper, I agree to the Directors offer to remain. I have not time now to go into

details as to expenses here being greater than wd be supposed – for inste only – a soldiers wife with one or two children at least coming in the Mornng for Breakfast &c - & in the afternoon to prepare Dinner leavg abt 6 of – Wages £20 & food – a Boy to assist in the House £25 to £30 & food – hospitality both to residents & the better class of Captains & Officers of Men of War &c &c. I think it wd be better to be on the footing of the public as to Store Bills viz to be charged full prices for everything & to have no Commission, Entertainment allowance, or payment whilst in the Camp. I think, without these, that £800 per an: (from the 1st Janry last *In reachg Him 29th August payg from that date would be to £266*) wd little if at all exceed Mr Havers remuneration – any interest in the Company's progressive prosperity I leave to the Directors – as also remuneration for the extra stay at Monte Video, expenses, with some trifling balance, havg been paid.

23. Referring to the Note on accounts. The Bill for £556-19-0 tho' drawn by me in Monte Video, was for the balance owing to Mr Hocquard on Mr Haver's administration *No accts rendered often exceeding £200*, & cd not properly come into my accts. Journal 18 – The £10-14-11 can only be charged to "Genl Charges" – it arose for Goods taken for "consumption" (use of the Company) & for "Datta" &c provisions taken on going into the Camp for subsistence on the journey.

24. Be good enough to pay Wedgewood for a Manifold, on application, for Mr Nolke.

I am Sir

Your Obt Servant

James Lane

George H Cripps Esq

PS Dean's Flour by the "Moultan" was American ours by the "Fairy" English. He is selling the former at 35s/- & 40s/- per Barrel. Warranting the latter, but not the former, no good, – that by "Fairy" cost into Store more than 35s/-. Candles (Belmont Sperm) 10s/-, 6 lb Packets – Whiskey 7s/- a Gallon. I hear Draft Porter is sold at £4-15-0 & not £4-10-0 as before stated.

No 24 1859

James Lane

Stanley. 27 June

Rec. 5 Oct

Awd. 8 Nov

No 25

Stanley July 26th, 1859

Recd 5 Oct 1859

Ackd 8 Nov 1859 No 226C

Camp Establishment

Sir

I have reduced the No of hands at this Establishmt to 29 but which will still allow of Bulls being killed for their Hides in the Summer, & after the Buildgs &c are completed a further reduction will be made. The Wooden House mid-way betn Darwin Hr & Brenton Loch is taken down for materials to be used at the former place & a Stone Corral of 24 yds diameter is bg erected there – all with the labour of the men on the Establishmt. The wild Dog is supposed to have been poisoned, & no further depredations. I have removed Murray who was useless for any thg but the Store & has neglected that – his place is supplied by a man named Supple⁴⁴ who can attend to accts & work generally when not so employed.

2. The result of the Cattle counting in Feb *No 16, 5* compared with that in Decr *Havers 47a, 16 & 52, 6* 1856 induced me to look into it. I send correspondence with Mr Havers on the subject. Since the rect of his letter I wrote to Bonner & have recd from him the followg acct of the Nos added to the Rodeos (drawn into Lafonia from the North Camp) betn Decr 1856 & May 1857.

1857	Janry secd	279
	Feb	204
	March	289
	Apl	<u>191</u>
		<u>963</u>

This making the Number substantially agree with that sent you by Mr Havers in May 1857. There can be no doubt but that a great proportion of the wild brought in either escaped to the wild in Lafonia, or returned thro' the Boca to their old ground in the North Camp. When I was there in Feb great difficulty was experienced in simply keeping the half bred English Bulls inside with the Rodeo Cows their old ground havg been on the rented plots outside, altho' the Wall was perfect – it was found that they swam round a Stone Wall, tho' it projected far into Brenton Loch & so got out, & were only kept in by being repeatedly brought back – this when all the Establishmt was close at hand & it is evident to me that a large proportion of those formerly brought in, escaped to the wild within or without, & doubtless took away of the wilder of the Rodeo Cattle previously brought in with them – they are now of course habituated to their new ground, & the only thing is to prevent their getting sometimes to the wide inside. The "289" said to have escaped in Mr Havers Letter is purely imaginative – it wd be impossible without frequent counting, which did not take place, to cause the Number even approximately. The last paragraph of Mr Havers Letter is only characteristic.

3. I have not recd a reply from Colonel Grenfell as to the Horses for India. Wd it not be well to apply to the Hrse Guards (or India Council) & recdr to make an arranget for them sendg a Vessel for Horses En route for India – 500 might be supplied of a good kind & at any price it wd pay well. £3 to 5£ a piece – thed wd be unbroken but Col Grenfell I believe breaks those obt'd in the Plate, himself.

⁴⁴ *Charles Marsh SUPPLE, seaman & native of Ireland, died on Great Island 15 October 1880 and was buried there*

4. The Winter has been very trying, tho' we have lost by it some 3 Calves & 4 Sheep only here – but of abt 20 Horses here not 4 are fit for any work. I have sent for others from Darwin Harbour, without bg able to return those now here for the present, in consequence of weakness.
5. I am confirmed in the opinion that the lean state of the Cattle is not wholly nor chiefly attributable to the pasture but to the want of new blood. It wd be very advisable to send 2 young Bulls chosen solely with reference to their being of a kind to take fat readily.

I remain Sir

Your Obt Servant

James Lane

George H Cripps Esq

No 25 1859

James Lane

Stanley. 26 July

Rec. 5 Oct

Awd. 8 Nov

No 26

Stanley July 27th, 1859

Recd 5 Oct 1859

Ackd 8 Nov 1859 No 226C

Settlement & Dairy Farm

Sir

I send Correspondence arising out of the destruction of a Calf & 5 Sheep by Dogs on this farm. Mr Dean on being told by Rudd that he had seen Captn Smyley's & his dog at the Sheep denied that the latter was there, & as I had reason to believe that Captain Smyley's large Dog had killed the Calf, I at once laid an informn to get the 2 dogs destroyed. Mr Dean attended both for himself & Captn Smyley (in the latter's absence) & denied that his dog wd attack Sheep, but I proved their being seen in the act & the order was made. His conduct was so low & violent that Mr Brooke twice threatened to turn him out of court & reported his behaviour afterwards to the Govr it is said as to his bg a Magistrate, but H E has not the courage to act, tho' expressg himself strongly enough privately. Mr Dean drowned his Dog & Mrs Smyley kept hers within, but on the 15th (the order was made on the 12th) it came out & up to the Govr as he was coming to call upon me – he mentd it & sd the Law ought to be enforced. Some time afterwards I saw the Dog going into the Camp towards the spot where he had worried the Sheep on the 10th & I procured a rifle & shot it. H E & Mr Brooke expressed themselves relieved! The Constable came down the settlement about an hour afterwards with a Gun. The conviction & carryg it out has been of service in making the Colonists see that the Company can protect themselves.

2. I have discharged Gleadell (Senr) & put Pettitt in his place, placing Gleadell's eldest boy⁴⁵ on the Dairy Staff to assist Pettitt to bring in & attd to Cattle & Sheep for killing, but to be at other times at the Dairy & occupied there – wages the same as before, less Beef which I do not allow to the Boy, & have commuted Shailers Beef allowe to a money paymt. Pettitt only now has beef free – it is an inducement to waste & extravagance & shd be broken through.
3. The Coy will have a considerable quantity of Land in cultivation for Vegetables & green food next Summer. I ensure the sale of the former by requiring Ships, if they want them to take them from us with Beef & Mutton.
4. The practicability of keeping a supply of Sheep on the Farm for killing, driven overland, having now been proved, a great saving is effected & they improve the Land. The Cutter was on an average 5 days in bringing 25 to 30 – 3 Men in her at 5s/- a day each & provisions, besides the risk & wear & tear & this only 3 weeks supply.
5. I have no expectation of hearing of any great mortality amongst the flocks in the Camp – the snow has appeared for the 4th time, but is again melting & the winter will all but be over, as regards risk of life in another fortnight, tho' the animals remain some time very poor & weak.

I remain Sir

Your Obt Servant

James Lane

George H Cripps Esq

No 26 1859

⁴⁵ [Edwin GLEADELL](#)

James Lane

Stanley. 27 July

Rec. 5 Oct

Awd. 8 Nov

No 27

Stanley July 28th, 1859

Recd 5 Oct 1859

Ackd 8 Nov 1859 No 226C

Stanley, Shipping &c

Sir

My last letter No 24 was sent by the "Allen Gardiner" via Monte Video, duplicate of which is herewith – also second of "Exchr Treasury" Draft for £35 & third of Mr Despard for £72-19-4.

2. The "Sea Nymph" has since put back with her Rudder split. She was reported to be in difficulty on leavg England & I declined to take Bottomry upon her (the owner a Ship Carpenter of Weymouth) & alternately Dean advanced abt £130 at 7½ per Ct on Bill & Bottomry at £50 per It on non payment. She had two Marine Boards upon her the Passr & Crew objecting to proceed to Sea in her state of sails Rudder &c. After the Board had been taken, the Captn⁴⁶ was fined £10 for not givg a formal discharge to a Boy – he had no Cash & went to Dean who arranged to sell Cargo by Auction enough to pay off the Board & the fair Cash required. The Captn was generally drunk & not less so when in Dean's Store; The supercargo came to me as to the sale proposed, & on my shewing him that it wd be wholly illegal whilst credit had been or cd be obtained on the Ship & Owner, he stopped the sale. On returning to Mr Dean, he said "I cd have told you that as well as Mr Lane".
3. I tendered for the supply of 7056 lbs (36 Barrels) of Flour for the troops at 37s/- & it has been delivered. The whole of Dean's by the "Moultan" is bad & what has been bought has been returned. We have now abt 20 Bls left of the 100 recd in Apl from Monte Video & they will but last until the return of the Victoria with 50 Bls more. I did not raise the price in consequence of their being no other Flour here, as is Mr Dean's practice. His Cargo generally is far from giving satisfaction in quality – butter not good – Beer Spirits &c nearly all sold – Sugar was badly stowed & has damaged many things – Oats spoiled by Stowage with lard &c. Soon after selling the first batch of Beer &c from the Jetty, he raised the price of Porter 5s/- a Bl to Goss, who refused it sayg the Coy wd soon have out better & cheaper. Mr Dean replied "Yes, they will have one Barrel of Each"! If we had a Cargo out now there is no doubt but that this store wd have the prefere – unfortunately it is not only with the Colonists but Captns of Vessel advertise the Company's empty store at other ports – it is important to keep up the character for articles of good quality – the working people will have good things.
4. I am glad to be able to make a good report of the business with the "William Shand" which has been throughout gall to Mr Dean. The last Survey reported that the Vessel cd not be repaired sufficiently to go to Sea & the Captain has stripped her – he will wait to hear from her Owners before selling the Hulk, rigging &c, but the Coals on board the "Margaret" 425 tons have been sold by auction & I bought the whole at an average of 27s/6d per Ton. They were sold in 3 Lots of 100 Tons each & one Lot to be taken as 125 Tons "more or less" being the presumed residue, a quantity havg been thrown overboard without measurement, on her passage back from the Horn. The first Lot sold for 18s/- 2nd 26s/- 3rd 28s/- 4th 38s/- Mr Dean seeing that I had bought the three first Lots seen up the fourth

⁴⁶ Captain WILLIAMS

to 36s/- to compete (as he has avowed) the 300 Tons to be taken out of the Hulk & measured, at a Cost of £100 at least, as he said, "there may be 50 Tons "more" – Altho' no one will express their disapprobation of such acts, they must have their effect, when the Colonists feel they can be independent of him for supplies.

The proceeds of the 425 Tons		597-10-0
Auction Duty	14-18-9	
Coy's Commission	<u>29-17-6</u>	
		<u>44-16-3</u>
	Net£	<u>552-13-9</u>

I took out a licence (£5 duty) in McGarrells name as Agent for the Coy & have given him a gratuity of £2-2-0 as Auctr. Our Acct agt the Shop will be equal to the net proceeds above, so that I have no Cash to advance – 6 or 7 of the Crew proceed to MVo paying Steerage passage per the “Victoria”. The Bill agt the Ship consists of about £130 Rent of the “Margaret” & use of her, Store & Butchery Accts, Wages & other payments. I have no doubt but there are fully 425 Tons on board the Hulk.

There were shipped/exclusive of those for consumption		616
Sold here by Auction	50	
On shore still for sale	106	
Thrown overboard (estimated)	30	
For consumption	<u>5</u>	<u>191</u>
		Tons <u>425</u>

The 106 Tons I shall sell by Auction in 5 & 10 Ton Lots for the settlers & not compete with them. The Coals ex “Moultan” are offered at 60s/- – Mr Dean has always taken protests as Lloyds Agent; persuadg Captns that (in the absence of a Notary) he alone cd do it. I apprehend that it is no use to initiate the Notarial protest, as tho’ taken by a Notary, but that the protest must properly; for want of one, be taken before Magistrate in the form of a Statutory Declaration – you are aware that in an extended protest the Captain signs it before Witnesses & the Notary & that a Statutory Declaration is subscribed by the Mate & a Seaman of the truth of the contents of the protest. I shd be glad if you wd make enquiry of a Notary & let me know what is the proper course to pursue, in the absence of a Notary. An official statement in writing signed by the Notary wd be well to send for me to produce for the satisfaction of Captains. In a Lloyd’s Agt I apprehend Mr Dean has no function to take a protest – I have made out & taken myself that of the “William Shand”, greatly to Mr Dean’s annoyance – he wrote a note to the Capt’n enquiring, as Lloyds Agent, whether he had made “any public protest” in this port & requesting to see it. The Ship is insured in the West of England Club, & the Captain replied that he did not recognise Mr Dean’s right to interfere with his Ship – the Owner is the Liverpool Agent of the Club.

- The Company have now about 70 Tons of Anthracite on shore (residue of those supplied to the Buzzard) – upwards of 200 Tons *Household* of the “Frowning Beauty” on board the Hulk – also 425 Tons *Steam* by the “Wm Shand”. I hope this will enable you to make early arrangements for Steamers to call as the old Hulk wants frequent pumping & must be caulked when empty. 60s/- to 80s/- per ton is frequently the selling price of Coals at Monte video to Ships – 45s/- to 50s/- at least could readily be obtained for those of the “Wm Shand” there I believe – but before sendg them (& the Victoria cd only take 70 Tons) I shall await instructions – the quality & kind of Coals as suitable for Steamers you cd ascertain by writing to Mr Eason the Agent at Liverpool. I doubt if the “Wm Shand” will be sound eno’ for a Hulk but if Steamers are to call we shd find another useful & almost necessary.
- The Company & Dean could now provide a Ship with a home Cargo of 200 Tons and upwards – perhaps 250 Tons. If the Coy has a Vessel of abt 200 tons

- devoted to Colonial Exports & imports it wd have a good effect here & be economical.
7. The 25 Tons of Coals for the troops were sold at 14s/- as Cost & 70s/- freight, & the total with landing, equal to 80s/- per Ton.
 8. Captain Abbott has not asked for tenders for Beef for the coming half year, contrary, as the Govr tells me, to his instructions from the Horse Guards! – these things shd be checked or the Company will be said to be powerless. Captn A says he shall apply by this March to be superseded – in case his Successor is sent out, it wd be very advisable to see him & he before hand with Capt Packe – the latter receives £360 per an: for the supply of Beef to the Troops.
 9. The 6 Rams are safely landed at Darwin Hr – Bonner will send Smith's Report, but he writes "I can assure you that we have far better sheep in our flocks". The "Victoria" had instructions after leavg Darwin Hr to go to Bleaker's Isld & kill & barrel Pigs to send to MVo as an experiment & then to go to George's & Speedwell Island & report on the Pigs there. Captn Morrison after killing about a dozen at Bleaker's Isld findg the weather bad, left them on shore & returned straight to Stanley 10 days before he was wanted. The weather became fine the day he left – he has taken men on board without authority & done many other things objectionable & is besides not a workg man. I have therefore discharged him & he goes passenger by the "Russell" to California. I have appointed McLauchlan to be Master & it has given general satisfaction in the Colony where sympathy was felt for him in reference to his former dismissal & he is very steady & a good navigator. I send copy agreement with him. The Mate will be discharged at MVo & no more Americans employed, as with Captn Smyley & Dean here, it is not well to do so & it is naturally asked why it shd be. I had arranged with Captn Blair & Mr Kidd his Mate to appoint the latter, but Capt B cd not find an efficient substitute which was a disappointment to the Mate – he is quite the man for one of the Company Vessels & has been very assiduous in his duty in dischargg the "Moultan" now just completed (6 weeks) only thro' Mr Dean refusg to employ men to land the Goods except when convenient.
 10. I send correspondence as to the completion of the new Road & as to liberty to kill Pigs – you will recollect that in Novr, the Govr promised to make the Road forthwith. I have accepted the terms for the former at 2s/6d a yard, but it is not a fair price, tho' it may be made for that sum, but the use of the Mules Cart &c will not be properly paid for – the Government are however helpless to execute works, & they have lost their Mules by want of care. Pigs are numerous on Saunders Island, & I shall try the experiment there when opportunity offers. One porker was brought from Bleaker's Isld & 2 sucking Pigs. The former was quite free from any fishy or any other bad flavour but without fat – the sucking Pigs I sent to the Govr & Mr Hamblin & they were good – the idea was called "absurd" & was said to have tried before & to have failed & that the Pork was quite uneatable. I believe it had been obtained in the Egg Season before (Oct) – I shd be glad to know what Pigs skins can be sold for per lb – they must of course be salted like Hides & Seal Skins.
 11. The "Helen A Miller", wrecked, recd damage at the Horn – the Captn put into Port Albemarle (West Falkld) to repair! He then sailed Southward but, making water, shortly put back & made for Falkland Sound & ran the Ship for Falkland Sound & ran the Ship ashore in San Carlos. He told me, on arrivg to my question why he did not put in here to repair, that he "knew Port Albemarle & did not like Stanley"! I hear it is his second wreck here. When I last wrote he has sent his Mate here & with written authority to him to go to Monte Video to charter a Vessel, but in

conseque of the "Victoria" not sailing in June, the Mate had to remain here. Capt'n Smyley, on his return sealing cruise, (accidentally?) about the Horn, fell in with the wreck in San Carlos, & persuaded the Capt'n not to send the mate to the Plate, but to let him take full samples of various goods to Stanley to sell & that they shd both afterwards go to the Plate for a Vessel – Smyley arrived here before the Mate had left on the "Allen Gardiner" but the latter refused to remain, & it was arranged that that Schooner shd call in San Carlos so that the Mate shd see the Captain – in the mean while the latter came here overland & Smyley sent a man express to stop the Mate at San Carlos & it is said that he was in time, but he has not returned. On the arrival of Capt'n Sweeney & Capt'n Smyley in the Schooner I told them I wd purchase what was wanted by the Coy & supposed the sales wd be by auction – both refused on the plea of the shortg being 2 1.2 per Co & that they shd shew samples (& sell at such prices as they thought sufficient) as soon as the Oil & Skins cd be got out of the Schooner! I made other applications, & in a few days recd a list of prices of things not required, but none of them I had mentd, which I found had been sold to Dean. Smyley is known to be indebted to Dean & others & it is without doubt a gross job betn the three. But the Governt do nothing, & I have eaten some of the things this week at the Govrs table (preserved Peaches &c) bought from Dean & perfectly well known to come from the Ship. I send correspondence – but with the avowed wish of Govr & Govt Officers for wrecks & determination to get cheap things by any means there is no means of stopping such things here & it must rest with the Directors. Smyley left in his Schooner on the 5th for the Wreck & has not yet returned.

12. I cannot too much wage on yr attention the advisability of this Port being made known & Charts of the entrance & Harbour distributed widely. The Captain of the "Russell" reports three American Ships having put back to Rio from the Horn for repairs, (which are badly executed there) this Port & its capabilities not being known – the "Russell" had to discharge Cargo at Rio & repair at an Expense of £9000 – anr Vessell £6000. The Capt'n says advertisemts shd be invested in the Shipping Papers of New York, Boston, &c & at Ports in Europe & Charts of the Harbour sent where practicable.
13. Mr Havers seldom attends the office & I gave him notice of its being wanted on the 1st Augt but on reflection I thought it might be an excuse & extended the time to the 1st Oct. I intend devoting it to a "Captains Room" putting a few Books, Newspapers &c in it & writing materials – it wd keep men about the Store & induce purchases.
14. I only sent the correspondence as to the rumoured Cargo for Mr Havers for the Directors satisfaction. It is well known that the Govr told Mrs Faulkner & others of it as from Mr Havers. I shewed him the corresponde & observed that I had not made use of his name – he said "Oh my dear for Mrs Faulkner told me". I send corresponde with Mr Havers also as to usg one of the Coy's Cottages for an auction room. I had agreed to let it at 10s/- a week (it was only required for a fortnight) when I had reason to suppose that it was wanted for Dean's purposes also & then withheld the key & asked Mr Havers abt it was wholly for his own sale – I can only suppose he means to sell things he has bought from wrecks &c & accumulated as from time to time – I find it very necessary to be cautious with him.
15. Only one Manifold writer arrived, but it is enough – we want a new Lloyd's list (present one 1856) *1857 Lloyd's Register sent pr F ^ 6 Aug 59* – printed forms of Bottomry Bonds (sold I think by Wetherby's) & Notarial protest &c forms & practice as before mentioned.

16. In reference to Stores, note may be made to send Confectionary & assorted "drops" in large quantities. Also French Plums (good) Chestnuts (well packed Deans were spoiled) Filberts, good ginger bread – the profit is great on such things as also the sale. Goods geny shd be packed in Casks fit for Oil. Dean has more than 200 in this way. Sealers take back their Casks after sellg the Oil. Powder is wanted. The Govr wished me to mention that it can be landed & put into the Govt Magazine & taken from time to time as wanted – this has always been the case. Galvanised Sheet iron (not corrugated) wd sell for roofing & other purposes.
17. Mr Havers lately offered some Scheme to the Govr whh wd give 20 per Ct for money advanced – H E replied, he told me, that he "had not a pound to his name". Mr H has also intimated his willingness to take charge for Captn Packe in his intended absence (all Der in Jany) in England but it was declined. Mr H's intentions in remaining here is a still a mystery.
18. I can report with confidence that the position of the Company is good here both with the Governmt & with all classes - & its standing & due importance is much improved & more recognised.
19. The Fishery business will I hope have received the Directors consideration – it can be carried on from Septr to May & I feel assured wd prove remunerative – one or two men well experienced in the mode adopted in Scotland or Christiania in drying, Salting, & Packing wd be needed – labour to assist & learn cd be had here. I send (separately) a statement of the nets we shd required. I find one remains in a state for use, tho' the meshes (4 inches long) are too large, & it has been lined with part of another to make it available – the others were neglected & get rat eaten & rotten.
20. I enclose Letters from Mr Nolke. He understds that any arrangements must rest wholly with the Directors & that there is a expectation of a Cargo arrivg in the interim & other objections readily conceivable. He is a good book keeper & I have every confidence in him. His absence wd be serious to me, but it might be got over perhaps – he will wait after the receipt of yr reply in Dect for 2 or 3 months afterwards & if necessary I might get a successor from M Video or B Ayres in that time, tho' I shd be sorry to part with him – his appearing in Hamburg seems essential

July 29th 3pm

21. I have received £5-0-6 *ac/c 15* of Maguire, which be good enough to transmit by PO order to James Maguire, in Letter addressed to him "care of Wm Fagrus, Grocer, Bishop St, Londonderry. Also recd £3 *ac/c 15* which is to be paid to Smith Elder & Co on acct of the "Stanley Total Abstinence Society". I have also recd of Captn Waller £50 *ac/c 13* & have given him Drafts on the Coy for that sum at 30 days right in triplicate.
22. I enclose 1st of Exche of Mr Despard for £16-17-0 *ac/c 13* for supplies to the Socy. The Coys Account agt the "Wm Shand" to this time exceeds £600, & but for Captn Wallers £50 I shd not have a shilling Cash in hand but shall yet be able to avoid drawing, I hope.
23. I have written the Admiral that H M Vessels of War can be supplied with Coals here to the extent of 400 Tons at 60s/- – a Steamer only takes about 100 Tons at a time (after fillg up at MVo) here & it need not I think interfere with yr arrangement for Steamers to call. I know it will have a good effect with the officers of the Squadron to have made it known. If England joins in War, the Admiralty shd be asked to send a Vessel here, for the Coy wd of course suffer most.

24. The "Victoria" takes 8 Steerage Passrs from the "Wm Shand" & 3 from the "Sea Nymph" to Monte Video, & Mr Twyford, Cabin Passr, returning to Buenos Ayres.
25. The Schooner will have to bring us 5 Mails! I hope the Directors will have arranged, in England, a postal contract, – if the "Allen Gardiner" shd be given up I have no doubt Dean wd buy her &, in conjunction with Smyley, compete for the Mails, in order to get Flour Corn Fariña Coffee &c.
26. Mr David Jones, Iron Manufacturer, Birmingham has been named to me by the Super Cargo⁴⁷ of the Sea Nymph as a good export House & very moderate – disct allowed 20 to 40 per Ct – Office where a Pattern Book may be had 6 Size Lane.
27. The supplies for the Troops are getting exhausted. Captn Abbott has applied for Rum & Mustard neither of which have we in Store! Dean is selling or rather has sold his Porter at 4-15-0 – it is complained of as being flat & dear – he has lost ground generally by his Cargo.
28. For two whole days & nights we have had the most severe Gale remembered here from the NE. None of the Coys Boats have suffered, but the "Margaret" tho' all well, sorely tried with her heavy Cargo & requiring attention to the pumps. Dean's & Bowden's small Schooners & the Kate Sealg Cutter with others driven on Shore & some capsized in the Harbour.

I am Sir

Your Obt Servant

James Lane

George H Cripps Esq

No 27 1859

James Lane

Stanley. 28

July

Rec. 5

Oct

Awd. 8

Nov

⁴⁷ *Officer in charge of commercial cargo transactions*

No 28

Pr "Nancy arrd at MV 31 Aug 59 too late for that Mail.

Stanley August 11th, 1859

Recd 5 Nov 1859

Ackd 8 Nov 1859 No 226C

Camp Establishment

Sir

I have for some time past has under consideration the expense & system of management of Cattle in Lafonia, & having, from time to time, examined the different men employed there as they came to Stanley, I have arrived at a conclusion which I now submit for the consideration & decision of the Board.

2. If effected, it wd result in a saving of at least £400 a year, in wages, besides other expenses. The answer of Bonner to my Letter in reference to the countings in 1856 & 1859, was, simply, that the escapes to the wild, in Lafonia, must account for the difference – I believe only partially so, as before mentd. I had Bonner here, in the early part of this week, to confer with him generally, & to arrange, in detail, operations for the coming season, & there mentd my views to him – he said the same thing had crossed his mind recently, & he cd see no objection to it. I however handed him the instruction (now sent) & told him to reply at leisure. I feel, from a growing knowledge of the Camp & the habits of Cattle, that I may be, as it were, deceiving the Board, in keeping up the old terms, & by annual countings – such as "Tame Rodeo". The Cattle, in them, are as wild, or more so, than the "wild" – they will make off when seeing you a mile away. The Rodeos being designated, & made to appear as clearly distinct, is deceptive also. This Country, in its facilities for division, may be fairly likened to Salisbury Plain – there is no fence or natural boundary betn the Rodeos, & no means of forming one. The Cattle, in each, go in herds, wide apart, of 50 to 100 & to keep them in a limited space, worries & starves them. In the day they will not approach the Puestos, but at night they roam far, & doubtless, both join the wild, & interchange Rodeos. Indeed it has been often observed. To watch, at night, wd require double the No of Men, & in such a Climate as this, particularly in Winter, during the long nights of which they roam for food more especially, it wd be folly to suppose the men wd watch.

My plan is, to consider Lafonia, as a whole, to be the Company's Cattle breeding farm, & instead of pretending, at a heavy expense, to have 3 Rodeos of tame Cattle, to leave all to choose their own ground, & to shut up all the Cattle keepers dwellings. My belief is, that the bulk of those now in the Rodeos, so many having been born there, will keep to their present ground chiefly, or rather to the ground occupied by the 3 Rodeos indiscriminately – it is the natural Law. But, before giving up the Puestos, I shd kill all old Bulls for their Hides – castrate almost all others in the Wild, & introduce half bred Bulls, even tho', in the first year, their number shd be insufficient, for I am told that the wild are small beyond belief, & that they are not half the weight they were 12 years ago; no doubt degenerated for want of new blood, & the too many Bulls, & the proper increase prevented – indeed the catching & killing in the North Camp, before I arrived, fully occupied the Men, & the wild in Lafonia, cd not be castrated or attended to. Another great advantage would be that attention will be able to be given, especially, to keeping up & getting into better condition, a large herd of really tame Oxen, only, for killing.

The sending out new breeds of Bulls, taking fat readily, I look upon as very important.

I shall have the old Bulls killed & others castrated during the remainder of this year, & by the end of it, I hope to be in possession of the Directors' views.

3. The Shepherd Smith reports on the 6 Rams ex "Moultan" this "the two sheep from Wordley's farm, are good sheep, but he has superior Rams in the flock bred here – the other 4 sheep are very inferior – he wishes to say that it wd not be advisable to make any more purchases of Cheviot Rams as there is a plentiful supply of good Rams here, equal to what can be purchased in England.

I am Sir

Your Obt Servant
James Lane

George H Cripps Esq

No 28 1859

James Lane

Stanley. 11 Aug

Rec. 5 Nov

Awd. 8 Nov

No 29

Stanley August 12th, 1859

Recd 5 Nov 1859

Ackd 8 Nov 1859 No 226C

Sir

I wrote you (Nos 25, 6 & 7) by the "Victoria" which sailed for Monte Video on the 30th ult – I send this by Captn Smyley's Schooner to the same place & I hope she will arrive in time for this Month's Mail. She carries no Mail from Stanley.

2. The "Nancy arrived with a Cargo from the Wreck on the 1st inst – she brought a quantity of Goods which Mr Dean had agreed to buy as I before mentd – they consisted of Schnappes – Ginger Wine, Oysters, Sugar, Soap, Candles & other provisions. I send a Copy of the notice of sale, held today (by postponement). The Whiskey (abt 50 Gallons Cask) sold at £6 to £6-10-0 – claret £10 (abt 40 Gallons) bg ordinary Wine – Green Corn (Maize picked in flower before it is ripe) one case sold for 15/- & the rest were bought at £1 – 800 lbs of white lead sold – the rest bought in. The sale has been a mere sham and no doubt the articles were selected as being such as wd not sell here, to make out a case for not selling the provisions, for which there wd have been competition, by auction. The "Russell" was in Port for a week after Captn Smyley arrived & the Captain waited expressly on the hope of taking 100 to 200 Tons of the wrecked Cargo to California but they wd not send them, altho' Captn Sweeney told me that he sold here because he cd not get probably a Ship large enough for the Cargo in the River Plate! The Government Carpets Paper hangings &c have not been landed that I can ascertain – the "Nancy" is still deep in the Water & these must be Cargo going on to Monte Video in her. The majority of the Crew go also. The 1st Mate has evidently been quieted for the present – Captn Sweeney had a ship wrecked some few years ago in Port Stephens (WF) & the whole thing is too palpable. I send a Declaration by the Steward (and a supplementary statement) who as far as I can see is worthy of credit. The proper person, I am told, to write to, is, "Elwall Walters Esq, Secretary to the Board of Underwriters, New York". It is these things which have given this Port such a bad name & it is in this point of view, to shew that Shippers & Underwriters interests will be protected, that I send the Declaration & Statement, in case the Directors shd see fit to transmit it. I send further correspondence with Government by which you will see that the Letter to Mr Dean & his reply was sent (no doubt with comments) without shewing it to me, by the last Mail.
3. Whilst on the subject of auctions I may mention that not only does the Government compete with the general public at auctions, thus not only raising the prices of articles to be sold again, but intimidating people from bidding freely, the Governor & Mr Longden both attending & the latter bidding under the Governor's direction (lookg at him from time to time for authority to go higher) – they bid for the first 3 Lots of Coals of 100 Tons each & of course raised the price. I have always thought this was not allowed, & that Government rule was to buy, by tender, & not compete with the public – here it seems to me very objectionable, & it wd be well worth putting at end to by directions from home.
4. I send correspondence as to the repairs of the Slaughter House & Corral by which you will see how little the general interests of the Colony are thought of. It is universally condemned (by Government Officers particularly) that the Govt Workmen are chiefly occupied on the new Govt House & will be for the next 2

years, if it is to be finished. Nothing has been done by them worth mentg for the Colony, generally for the last 12 Months at least, & the "resources of the Colony", to the extent of £400 to £500 for their wages alone, are unproductive for the general good. The present Governmt House is an excellent one, but it is to be turned into Offices & a large Wing added & the former offices to be the Governor's House, because he does not like to live in the former – it is said that the Government at home ought to be enlightened, but that no Government Officer dare do it. To return to the Slaughter House, Mr Bailey told me on the Tuesday when the men came to work, that he should not be surprised if the Govr took him off it on the morrow; & that he cd not help it. Early on the 9th Mr Bailey asked me if I wd get the Drain under the Slaughter House opened & cleaned out & he wd pay for the labour. I had it done in a few hours & about mid day, recd the Letter of the Governor of the 9th. The same Mornng abt 1 of I wrote Mr Bailey the Note of the 9th. On the 10th he told me he had shewed it to the Govr, but that he had no instructions as to the Corral & I was therefore obliged to write again – the Slaughter House will be finished today – but I have heard nothg further. The Butcher will kill again on Monday. I dare not go into business matters with the Governor verbally – it is the genl experience, as well as my own, that if anything afterwards arrives all promises or statements are either denies or treated, in correspondence, as tho' they had not taken place.

5. A serious difference has arisen betn Mr Brooke & the Governor – the former committed a Soldier for 21 days for a bad assault on his Wife. H E without communicating with Mr Brooke released the Man saying that Mr B had no jurisdiction, because the assault was committed in the Mans Cottage, & by a Soldier, which must be taken to be Barracks. A Meeting of Magistrates is to be held next week & the matter is to be referred home. The Govr I believe will do so by this opportunity so as to forestall the Magistrates resolutions. I believe H E to have acted illegally & certainly most uncourtously – he has been annoyed at remarks made by Mr B, as to H E having his Housekeeper to dine with him & the 2 Children, & Sitting in the Drawg room on the Sofa with a young woman Servant – hence the cause of the proceedings which are evidently directed to get Mr Brooke into a scrape.
6. Captain Sullivan's idea as to the West Falkland strikes me, more & more, as a most extraordy. The wages of the 10 Men wd be £500 a year – 5 Puestos wd be necessary, costing at least £300 – Horses, at least 7 per man (70) – 11 Cargero Horses – Saddles Gear Lassoos &c. There may be 1000 cattle on the WF – they wd have to be paid for it & either they wd escape at night from "the centre" of the Isld (where there is not tussac & never such good food as on the Coast) to their natural feedg ground – or the No of Men must be nearly doubled for night watchers. If Cattle were caught & Shipped from Lafonia, the expenses wd be enormous & the majority, in spite of every care, wd soon get to the wild, or be lost.
7. I fear Mr Havers has given up the Books &c – he has not been at the offices for many weeks, & when there it is for an hour or so. I send a Letter to him & his reply, - I shall leave him the room. As it may otherwise reach the Directors I wd mention that he lately sued Parry⁴⁸ for the price of a Mangle alleged to be sold to him. The man is a drunken fellow, his wife a harworkg & respectable Laundress, who supports the family. The former was asked by Mr Havers to buy the Mangle & said he wd "if his Wife was agreeable". She refused & nearly 2 Months followg

⁴⁸ [Laurence PARRY](#)

Mr Havers sued for £8. The Woman had ordered a new Mangle by the "Fairy" & I thought it right to defend her. In Jmt was given agt Mr Havers.

August 16th

8. In a heavy gale last week the Nancy dragged her Anchor & went ashore, havg damaged Rudder & otherwise. The repairs have been done & she is to sail tomorrow or next day, now advertised to carry a Mail.
9. I have made progress with the Stock taking & the first 3 days that I can find leisure will complete it – the pricing of all goods recd since I came can be readily carried out, but I fear it will imperfect regards the old Stock from the state of the Books.
10. The new Road to the Dairy will be completed in a week or 10 days at most.
11. Referring to the sale of the few articles offered by Auction ex the "Ellen A Miller" it is well understood here that if it was not by arrangement with the Govr (who was often in Dean's Counting House & had Smyley to dine with him within the last fortnight) at all events it was done with a two fold object 1st To make a shew of Govt influence & 2nd to allow of Captn Smyley & Sweeney reporting that it was inadvisable to sell here by auction. I cannot find the value of "Green corn" in the United States but some people think 15s/- a Box was a good price – probably more wd have been given for the smaller Lots, had not Captn Sweeney bought the rest in. The Claret you will observe bought more than the price asked – it was stated & admitted that some had been drawn from the Cask on board. It is considered one of the worst cases of wreck known even here & I hope the Directors will see fit to make the underwriters & owners of Cargo acquainted with it in New York.
12. Some of the Magistrates are very desirous of an opinion on the Case now sent by the very first Mail, as it is of great importance to them to have a guide & authority for acting. Mr Saml Warren (who I believe has written on Courts Marshall & Military Law) wd be preferred – if not, the Solicitor Genl for the time being – or Mr Carrans of Solr Genl or not, or wanting these some Man whose name wd carry weight & be known here – please to charge me with the fee. The Coys Solrs shd deliver the case to Counsel & if they wd see him it wd be the means of getting an opinion in time – their names had better not be written on the back of the case except in pencil.
13. The remaining 106 tons of Coal ex Wm Shand were sold on the 15th in 8 Lots by auction by McGarrell & produced

	3- 9-6	139- 2-0
Less Govt Duty 2 ½		
Commission	<u>6-19-1</u>	<u>10- 8-7</u>
		<u>£ 128-13-5</u>

This will leave under £20 in favour of the Ship on the balance of accounts.

14. I was greatly surprised & vexed on the 13th inst to hear a rumour of a prosecutions (verbally) agt the Coy for killing Government Cattle, near the Wreck at San Carlos & on Monday the 15th I recd the Govt Letter of which & of subsequent corresponde I send Copy. I have not yet of course had time to hear from Bonner, but from what I can gather here the two or 3 Men sent by him to kill for the Wreck experienced dreadful weather & were only able to get to the Wreck at night. My surmise is that they were too late or otherwise prevented killing on the Company's Land leased, on their route, as they remained the night at the Wreck & the next day, I suppose to save themselves trouble in bringg the animal back again, they killed as near as they could. I have no doubt whatever but that it is an isolated case. The information was given to Government by Captn Sweeney thro' Captn Smyley (a notorious Cattle killer) in revenge for interference

as to the sale of the Cargo. Captn Sweeney also twice threatened me with personal violence after the American mode. The Governor caught eagerly at the information (as he wd do at anything to injure the Company, altho' always professing the contrary) &, as you will see by the correspondence, in breathless haste ordered a prosecution & refused to wait my explanation or informtn, acting only on the statement of two men participes criminis. I trust the Directors will not submit to such treatment as the Coy receive at the Govrs hands, who acts as tho' he was totally irresponsible – the cases of the Warrant to seize Spirits – Captn Sibbald's enquiries for Gin – the repairs to the Slaughter House, (nothing yet done to the Corral or Darins) & other things & now this prosecution, if unnoticed, will make him think he can do anything. I did all I possibly could to calm differences betn H E & others & supported him always as much as possible, in the face of every one telling me I shd soon find him out. None or more decided in expressg their feelings that Government Officers privately, but they say, our repressn wd not be attended to or we shd get dismissed as "he wd not scruple to ruin any one's position" and "he does not know what truth is". With regard to the prosecution if carried on I think it must fail. There are only 2 clauses of the Ordinance under which it can be laid – one authorises a prosecn for killing wild Cattle before 1860 "without the consent of the Falkland Islands Company" & the other for injury to public on private property which is "not otherwise punishable by that ordinance" which killing wild cattle is. I send a Copy of my Letter to Bonner & expect him in a few days. I think you shd be prepared for the Govr making known this case to the Colonial Office (tho' still pending) by this Mail to create prejudice. There can be no question of cattle killing by Sealers going on to a great extent on the Govt & the Coys Lands dependg whether they go North or South. I can get nothg done here to prevent it. But two things wd go far to do so viz To require the Constable to go on board of every Boat before starting to see there were no dogs on Board (the names of the Sealers are now obliged to be left with Govt before they sail) & the other to offer a reward say of £10 or £15 & a pardon for agt by any Sealer participating or other person tho' there, might be a conviction.

August 17th

15. I have today received the information, laid under the clause I have first mentd. Bonner has just come in, (havg been out all night) & I find it was simply an act of the Men to save themselves trouble in the most dreadful weather, tho' of course quite unjustifiable & which will be made known to them. Bonner was not in a state to give me any statement in writing today, but will send one before the hearing on the 30th & I shall then act according as I am best able to judge – it is certainly a most wanton act of spite by the Governor. He surely ought to have allowed the matter to be looked into & I shd have then submitted to punish the men in any way he might have required but that wd not have met his object. I should not be at all surprised if he did not insinuate that such cases had happened before, but it wd be without foundation, & must appear most unlikely that he shd send so fatr off for Cattle for consumption, having others on the Company's own & Leased Lands so much nearer. The proceedings of Government are generally condemned & attributed to the right cause, but people express their wonder why the Company shd submit to it.
16. I send the months accounts *Duplicates of those recd* to the *ex No* end of June – the Stock takg has interfered, with apropos of other business, in sendg those for July.

The Mail closed at 10 am tomorrow Mornng.

I am Sir

Your Obedt Servant
James Lane

George H Cripps Esq

No 29 1859

James Lane

Stanley. 12, 17 Aug

Rec. 5 Nov

Awd. 8 Nov

No 30

Stanley September 28th, 1859

Recd 7 Dec 1859

Sir

The "Victoria" arrived from M Video on the 31st ult bringing the Mails for the 5 previous Months (March to July) & your Letters 218C 219C & 222C with duplicates &c to which I will now reply.

2. **Letter 218C Par 10.** There is no machinery in the Law Court here under which I could go into Mr Havers' accts & ascertain the balance. The only way will be for an Accountant to make them up with that view. I have made enquiry but cannot obtain information which will elucidate the dispute with Mr Hicks. Mr Havers alone seems to know anything about it except by rumour.

Par 14. All the Company's property is upon their own Lands. All their Cattle are inside Lafonia. Sheep are on the leased & rented Lands outside

Par 15. The spot suggested by Captn Sullivan (nr Bodie Creek) wd have been wanting in Shelter & other requirements & involving other disadvantages – distance from the Boca House & Wall which is important to avoid.

Par 17. Mr Nolke was paid at the rate of £150, to the 10th Novr & subseqly of £20 per Month.

Par 19. Mr Bowden's⁴⁹ price is far too high in the present state of his property. His House detached room & Garden might be bought well for £150 – I cd let it at £25 per an: - the fence is down round the garden & repairs to the Buildgs are required but they wd not cost the Company much. The Boats are not wanted – I send form of Conveyce if required – the Crown Grant & any subrigt Deeds must be handed over.

Par 20. On all goods bought at Monte Video the Commissions freight &c is added as Cost into Store & afterwards the profit addition. If properly supplied from England nothg shd be bought there but flour; farina – Indian Corn – Coffee & shingles. Please to note the following can be bought cheaper & of far better quality in England – sugar (brown, white, loaf & crushed) Cavendish Tobacco (1st & 2nd quality) Ship Bread (1st & 2nd quality) Havannah Cigars – Lumber – Elm & Oak for Ships.

Par 21. I can assure you that Captn Packe is not a good authority – I doubt if he is paying his expenses – the Dairy is the last thing he wd wish to see answer. Captn Abbott has taken courage by nothing being said as to his havg accepted the highest tender for Beef in Janry – contrary to his instructions he did not ask for tenders in July - & Captn Packe will in the 6 Months supply Beef to the amount of upwards of £200. The Directors must not be surprised at any high handed measure here, if no notice is taken of them elsewhere, nor at any injury which there interests may sustain – the former low state of the Company will again be assumed & acted upon here, & that the Home Government will not trouble themselves abt the Colony or the Coy.

Par 22. A Chart of Port William (say from Kidney Island to the Woolf Rocks) wd be useful but I see no advantage in obtaining any others – that Chart should have the Billy Rocks as well as the Seal Rocks marked in – there is also an unnamed rock betn the Billy & William Islet which I Have marked on the Harbour Chart now sent. The Billy Rocks are not marked on the Guil Chart of the Islands, only on

⁴⁹ *Thomas BOWDEN, merchant of Oporto*

that of Stanley Harbour. The Pilots & Captns Waller & Voorhies have been out soundg recently but no other rocks, outside the kelp, are to be found. I bought Horsburgh's Directory at the sale of a few of the effects of the Captn saved from the Ship & find the notice of this settlemt imperfect at this date. I send a corrected statement for the next Edition which shd be handed to Colonel Macdonald. Phillips' directions, as in print, are now inserted in it.

3. **Letter 219C Par 2.** I have extracted the part viz expenses & rects of the "Victoria" (31 Aug /58 to 31 Aug /59) & find they stand thus Debit £1041-8-4 – Credit £955-11-6 leavg £85-16-10 only agt the Vessel, crediting her with freight of Goods, but nothing for her services (3 months) at Hope Place & Darwin Harbour at the beginning of this year.

Par 3 & 4. I am very glad that so much has been done in the way of making the Settlement known, havg again heard from a Catpn (Abernethy) of his ignorance of it. I have spoken to the Ship's Carpenters on the subject of Captn Gales Letter & I believe they see the folly of asking such wages & that 14/6 will in future be required. I think that some mention of the Company, without puffing, would be useful even if it was but little more than to make known their existence & that acd wd be afforded. It must not be forgotten that being "Lloyds Agent" may be often a turning point with Captns who have never heard of the Company.

Par 7. I wd advise the Directors on no account to give up the Mail Contract but to use ever endeavour to get an increased payment - it wd be taken as an evidence of want of means if relinquished & Smyley & Dean would join in running a Schooner which wd give them an advantage & encouragement which they are now losing. I hope no haven will have arisen from the delay. It shd as far as possible be arranged in England. The Postages of all Letters to & from these Islands is recd at the Genl Post Office in London so that all informn is obtainable there only – no postage can be paid here. As regards the Genl Post Office Letters are conveyed 1100 Miles each way for nothing, & yet the rects from them exceed the subsidy to the R Mail Packet Coy as you will find by the accompanyg extract from the "Times" paper.

Par 8. By the last Packet I obtained a Box of fish from Christiansund. The Box is described & the materials required are stated in a separate paper. It is no doubt a comparatively simple matter to salt & dry fish & I probably cd get men here to do it but it is important not to have the first shipment inferior. I await the Directors decision & will do the best if they do not wish to send out a competent man. The nets &c are of course necessary.

Par 10. The time for Peat Walls of any kind is gone by & they are universally condemned as useless & expensive. The iron fencing mentd in my last & the Tallow Staves wd be soon generally adopted. I am now hampered & may lose a season in cultivating ground round the Dairy for want of materials to enclose it.

Par 11. I send Bonners statement referred & in my last & am confident of the error in a great expenditure to keep "tame rodeos", so untruly called. I can hear of no objection to the plan proposed, not even by Captn Packe, (who at first objects to almost anything new) except that he says there will be a difficulty in getting the half bred bulls to remain in new ground, but he agrees that if they are taken round to the different rincons where the herds are & where they are wished to remain they might stay. Allowg for any difficulty & drawback of this kind however (& in everything here there is difficulty more or less) I believe that the improvement to be hoped for in the present deteriorated breed – the allowing them to choose their own feeding ground, & the great saving of expense will far outbalance – it is not a small advantage that the Camp Manager's attention will

be more concentrated & his work simplified. In Feb or March when the Calves are old enough I must try to get one of the Schooners at liberty & empty her takg Cattle onto some of the best Islands where there is water – obtaining the hides from the temporary depots & killing Pigs on Georges & Speedwell Islands if it is found to ansr – but it will be far from an easy operation & occupy time.

Par 12. There is no sale for Horses to pay in the Plate. I wait before kill them for Hides.

Par 13. I am sorry to say that the “Ocean Monarch” died on the 2nd inst “nearly a third of his liver was in a putrid state & the lungs were inflamed”. There will I hope be at least 15 to 20 of his foals – beyond the expense of his purchase & past keep I cannot think any other loss is sustained or what better horses for work are wanted than those here.

Par 14. No breed of sheep can be better suited to the Climate than the Cheviot & I certainly did not think enough of the expense of sending out 100. On reflection I do not agree as to getting ewes from the Plate. The question is what is the best breed from which to obtain a few Rams to cross with Cheviot Ewes, looking chiefly to weight of fleece & value of wool – there shd soon be a cross & 8 or 10 good rams wd suffice for some time. The Monte Videan lives are getting very old & bring very small Lambs – they are not available for anything else, too tough & poor to kill & will gradually die off. Almost all Captn Packe's Sheep are called “Southdowns”, tho almost wholly from a cross with R Plate Ewes, & the pure Southdowns both alive & in fleeces are mixed together – he intends when in England (now sd to be in March to leave here) to make enquiry as to the “Rambouilles” Sheep as a cross & will now send his last years' wool home to find its value. There is no doubt I apprehend but that the black faced & Cheviots cross well & that the former wd eat the grass which others will not & that they wd bear the Climate, but with these advantages the comparative value & weight of fleece of the cross remains to be ascertained & considered.

4. **Letter 222C.** I am far from Sanguine as to cereal crops maturing, but more as to oats & Barley than Wheat – it will this year, however, be readily tested without expense in small patches & I hope in the Summer to be able to decide which of the green crops do best for food.

Par 3. The non arrival of the Fairy has been a great disappointment here – she sailed 14th Apl exactly 3 weeks after arrival. It is not only that we have no goods in chief demand, but people knowg it, buy those, & also what we have at the same time, at Dean's.

Par 6. It shd be borne in mind that the Shepherds we want are “Herdsman”, accustomed to keep out with the Sheep. I find none here equal to the Scotch. I observe you speak of the weight of fleece & quality of wool of the black faced Sheep – have the enquiries on these points been directed to the weight & quality of the fleece & wool of the Cross bred betn them & the Cheviots? I shd fear that the Climate wd not do for Merino, but cannot judge. The Southdown bear it – I know nothing of the constitution of the Rambouillet Sheep but hear they are valuable in the Plate.

I am Sir

Your Obedt Servant
James Lane

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No 30 1859

James Lane

Stanley. 28 Sep

Rec. 7 Dec

No 31

Stanley September 30th, 1859

Recd 7 Dec 1859

Stanley, Shipping, Dairy &c

Sir

My last Letters *No 28 & 29* were taken by Captn Smyley's Schooner "Nancy" which left for Monte Video on the 19th Aug – I now enclose duplicates of those Letters & of the "Victoria's" Mail *Nos 25, 26, 27* which left 1st Aug – Also 2nd of Exchr of Mr Despard for £16-17-0 & 3C of Government for £359-12-9 *This is an error the first having been sent to Hocquard as a payment in June last, see Jnl 68* & £35 with first of Captn Sibbald for £20. *ac/c 13*

2. The Victoria arrived from Monte Video on the 31 Aug – after dischargg I sent her for a Cargo of tussac & on the 14th inst to Saunders Island to kill wild Pigs – she returned on the 28th bringing 58 Skins which I have had salted & the flesh of that No in 6 Barrels contained 16cwf-1q-6lb altogr – the latter go to Monte Video for sale. The Pigs are without fat & the meat tho' sweet is therefore not valuable at anythg like ordinary prices – probably not more than 2 ½ per lb after payg Duty. The skins may make it worth while, & I shall be glad to hear how much per lb can be obtd for Salted Pig Skins in England!
3. The "Russell" put back from the Horn said to have got strained & leaky. On Sunday evg the 14th inst she struck on the Billy Rocks – eastern end, passing, then alleged not to steer well, betn the Billy & Seal Rocks instd of outside - & drifted afterwards, to near Kidney Island where she went down in deep water, in half an hour. All hands got into 3 Boats & reached the nearest Land at some cost. Captn Morrison who had left here by her as a Passenger was steering when she struck – he was well acquainted with the Rocks. I sent out the "Victoria" & she brought in all hands (21) with the 3 Boats & Captns & Crews personal Baggage, which was all that cd be saved. I find the Ship was 854 Tons (Aucn Regn) with 1500 Tons of Cargo or near it – all insured - & that she was chartered for nearly 4000£. The Bottmry at Rio was £10,000 – the hire of 2 Vessels there into which the Cargo was dischd was £10-10-0 each per day. Nothing has been since seen of the wreck. The Captn when here before offered me 25 per Ct for £100 on Bottomry – it was his second wreck. I cd have sent the "Victoria" an hour or more before if the Lighthouse man has been allowed as he passed thro' the Settlement to give me information but his orders are to go first to the extreme end of the Settlemt to the Govr who merely sent the Pilots Boat. She cd do nothing with so many persons & Baggage, & they wd probably have had to remain out all night at least, almost frozen, or have got swamped in tryg to get in by their Boats.
4. The Moulton left on the 20th August. Captn Blair purchased almost all he wanted, at the Coy's store as did also Captn Abernethy of the "George Dean" & I believe both will be inclined to recommend the Coy to Shipmasters.
5. I wd again mention, to prevent misconception that the wages, in the last 2 months, include the completing the new Road by contract for which nearly 50£ will be pd shortly – they also include the workmen's wages in preparing & planting the ground for Vegetables for Shipping. Every expense connected with the Land, I wd also note, is charged agt the Dairy, altho', much of the land so in cultivation is quite apart from it – the proceeds of vegetables is credited to the Dairy.

6. I let Gilmore's⁵⁰ Cottage to Mr Havers for 5 weeks at 10s/- a week & when he gave it up, a Soldier, Doolan⁵¹, took it, with the garden for £1-5-0 a month, another of the Coy's Cottages vacated by Llamosa⁵² on his going to Monte Video, has been relet to him (on his return) at £1- a month – none are now vacant.
7. Mr Havers returned to the office on the 5th Septr havg been absent abt 6 weeks, since which he has frequently attended for broken periods of days. I enclose copies of Letters to & from him. The sales at his auction were chiefly of househd things with linen & some old Plate realising I believe abt £120 – his object in remaing here is still unknown. In a Case, I saved the various Books papers &c (thro' Mr Hocquard) recd from Mr Havers & all Vouchers & documents which can in any way elucidate his accts. Also Copy of his Inventory (still unpriced) of the Stock & property of the Company.
8. I send a Stock taking account (& as to New Stock one shewg selling prices **BB, CC & D**, & the other cost prices **B & C** into Store) containing separately 1st the old Stock **A** (Stock recd prior to 31 Aug /58) – 2nd the remr of the Fairy's Stock /59 **B** & 3rd new Stock **C** bg exclusively purchases made here or at M Video **D** since 31 Aug /58 – with notes thereon. You will observe that I have been able to purchase & yet have left new Stock of the value of £1539 & this taking the Coals ex Wm Shand at 40s/- only. The old Stock is very heavy – badly bought & selected – a good deal in Mr Dale's time even. I must consider what can be done to get rid of some of the most hopeless part of it. I also send the Monthly Accts to 1st Aug & 1st Septr. As to the statement of old Stock, of much of it, it is impossible to find or fix a satisfactory price & time has not allowed for carryg out the prices which are found & stated.
9. I send a Report for the past year & on the present state & prospects of the Coy here.
10. The Hull Tackle Spars &c of the "Wm Shand" were sold by McGarrell on the 19th inst & produced £474-9-0 in the whole. I bought the Hull for £220. the 3 Masts Bowsprits &c for £60 – 3 Topmasts Yards Gib booms &c &c (19 in all) £35 – 1 New Spar Top Sail Yard Gib boom &c £24 – New & old best wire rigging (of which Dean has none) £21 &c &c – Total £432-4-0. The Hull is an excellent one 501 Tons Regt & one Ship wanting to discharge Cargo for repairs wd pay her Cost. Dean wd have gone as high as £500 for the Hull if the "Russell" had saved her Cargo. She cd no doubt be repaired & fitted out but the expense & risks wd prevent my thinking of it without express directions – if you can get Steamers to coal the two will be valuable. The Margaret is complete now to heave down to. I shd very much like to lighten her, havg 700 Tons on board, but it so breaks the Coals that I shall wait a time. The masts & spars wd fetch 3 times the price given for them – the "Antonia" wd have gladly given £100 for one. On the 22nd inst the Sails & remr of the Effs of the Ship were sold by auction in Lots & produced £86-17-6. I bought the greater part of the Sails for £53-15-0 making (with the £432-4-0 for the Hulk Masts &c on the 19th) a total of £485-19-0. The full account with this Ship is also sent shewg to her credit
£1362- 4-3
& to debit

In favour of Ship 855-17-2
£ 506- 7-1 **acc/c13**

⁵⁰ *Thomas GILMORE; Military Pensioner arrived with his wife Elizabeth on the "Victory" 13 Oct 1849*

⁵¹ *Michael DOOLAN, a private in the Falkland Islands Garrison, his wife Mary, their children Mary Ann & William, and Mary's son, John BEAN arrived in the Falkland Islands on the "Ealing Grove" 12 January 1858*

⁵² *José LLAMOSA, wife and five children, arrived per Victoria from Montevideo 1 September 1859*

for which Captn Waller takes Drafts on the Directors at 90 days sight – if the Directors have to provide for this amount, it will be covered by remittances in a very short time afterwards if not in part before – the advantages of the purchs were so great that I cd not hesitate tho' very unwilling to draw. I have bought (since the Stock taking) into Stock (see particulars) the remr of the Ships provisions &c at profitable prices, for £80-13-4 & for these have paid Cash to Captn Waller. I estimate the profit from this Ship will turn out above the followg.

The Coals 425 Tons at 60s/- (moderate price in the Plate alongside)	1275
The Masts Spars &c purchd agt sellg value excludg the Hulk	400
Sails &c purchd on 22 nd	100
Hire of Hulk, Commns of genl profit on Store & Building accts &c	300
Profit in Goods purchd from Ship at vars times	<u>50</u>
	£ 2125

Cost of Coals & purchs at auctions (excludg Hulk)	<u>1085</u>
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Estimated profit exclude of the value of the Hulk	£ <u>1040</u>
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Captn Waller goes by the "Victoria" & will call upon you – he has been very zealous for the Coy & will do all he can for it – his conduct here has been without reproach.

11. I send the continuation of the correspondence as to the prosecution for killing Cattle – it appears to all a shameful proceeding & treating the Company as common thieves – it was known it cd not be sustained from the first & instituted to damage the Coy from the Governmental spirit of jealousy now shewn. Bonner directed the men to kill 2 animals, on their way to the wreck, over the leased Lands – the ordinance only makes it penal to do so witht the consent of the Coy's Agent. Of course it cd not be said that they were unauthorised to kill 2 Cattle – where is quite immaterial as regards the ordinance. Petaluga's⁵³ statement sufficiently shewed this. The Govr wd not ask Mr Brooke's advice, but sent Longden to lay the information - & as you know refused any time for a statement of the facts even to be obtained with the view of layg it before him. Mr Longden writes all the Letters – they bear the Govr's signature only – these Letters require close attention as there is misleading gloss upon them and frequently far from being candid. You will note the conclusion as to the Coy having no right to kill Cattle found in their leased Lands. I made no reference to yr statement (no reply to mine) that they cd be killed on the Lands even in temporary occupation. Unless the Colonial Secy decides in the Coy's favour, or before applyg for it, it might be well to take an opinion as to buy – they have the right under the Lease (or "grazing Licences" sometimes called) & proclamation (copies now sent). All Cattle outside of the Peninsula whether on leased Lands or not are Wild & belong to Govt (except Captn Packe's). If Land is leased on which wild Cattle have been used to feed, they keep to it, & the pasture is eaten by them – they cannot of course in such a Country be impounded. In buying allotments in the North it wd be important to have the rights, because Shepherds when in charge of Sheep there, must have Beef & it wd be difficult otherwise to supply them. Probably an opinion on this, & of the right to Seal Isld might be obtained on one case.
12. I think of selectg the other two Lots allowed to be taken without survey in the neighbourhood of the 2nd Corral – NW & SE of it along the Coast. Captn Packe I know has these in view, & it is said Mr Havers also – so that the price might be run up, if bought in the ordinary way by public auctn. I shall not buy until obliged. Also the Rincon Grande allotment – for some time these wd not be required for

⁵³ *Andreas PITALUGA; arrived November 1838*

Sheep, but looking to the future it is of great importance to secure such land which may be said to be all, worth having, less suitable for Sheep within an equal distance from the Settlet, even if beyond.

- 12a. The "Ellen A Miller" has been burned by the Capt'n & can tell no tales as to her state when wrecked. The loss of these two Vessels & Cargo is supposed to be at least equal to £50,000 - & the Islands suffer on such grounds & are said to be dangerous. I send a list of wrecked & condemned Vessels in the last 10 years & you will find 11 out of 18 American, 1 French, 1 Dutch & 4 English.
13. I send Correspondence as to O'Neill, the Steward of the above wrecked Ship - he was very seriously ill on Landing here & was always afterward very quiet & inoffensive. On landg he was kindly attended to by McGarrell, & finding himself allegy discarded & penniless by Capt'n Smyley & Sweeney his postion was pitiable. When his claim for wages was resisted, Smyley, Sweeney, his Mate & Morrison appeard agt him in court, he cd hardly walk & on the adjourned hearing begged my assistance - there was much feeling for him & it is the custom here to comply with such requests under ordinary circumstces & I therefore did so. The Governor (evidently in connection with my opposn in the first instce to the sale of the wrecked Goods privately to Dean & the Govr) was daily in private consultn with Dean Sweeney & Smyley concocting means to have the man forced on board the "Nancy" - the scandal of such an outrage, you may conceive - there was not the shadow of a foundation for saying that he was absent without leave. Besides bg too ill to go to the wreck & live in the open Country in temporary sheds, the Ship was at the time broken up, the Crew on Shore, & when they pretend that he was required to go back, the Schooner left here to bring back Mr Sweeney the Mate & the greater part of the Crew & brought them - it was openly said that the man wd be sacrificed if Smyley got him on board, - that the Law was nothing here, & the Govr did what he liked &c. One sailor was left on a small Isld for 15 days & nights & almost starved & frozen, as a punishment. The case for wages ultimately came before a Jury & they (4 being Soldiers) gave him £18-8-0 instd of £11 which Mr Brooke had prevly awarded as arbitrator but whh was repudiated. Capt'n Sweeney came into Court afterwards & said he wd not pay a shilling, upon which Mr Brooke committed him to prison & he pd in a short time under protest. The bad part of the case as regards the Governor, is that he knew there was jurisdiction by an opinion of the Law Offices of the Crown, sent out to him for genl guidance, in such cases, & shewed to me in confidence, & yet encouraged resistance. I beg to call the Directors attention to that part of the correspondence in which I applied to take the man into the Coy's employment under the arranget with Govt in reference to "Aliens". I could not until the other day obtain the terms of this arrangement from the Govt & you will see that the offer I made was all that cd have been required, even if the man had been an alien, & that the Govr's sale lias become a simple disposition here. Mr Brooke has Letters from the Govr requiring him to assist in havg the man put on board the "Nancy". I hope such doings will not be permitted or people will certainly not stay here willingly, & express their disgust loudly. Mr Brooke acted well throughout & now that he is not an inmate of Govt House will do his duty as a Magistrate.
14. Connected with the above is the attempt to exclude Soldiers from being Jurors. Here again the Govr encourages Capt'n Abbott up to within a day or two of O'Neill's trial for wages not to let the men attend & acty ordered Parade for the hour at which they had been summoned, but finding Mr Brooke firm, & that the 3 prosecutions had miscarried, he lost courage, & at the last moment with Capt'n

Abbott that they must attend, but that he cd have the Law altered – the attempt was really with a view to preventg O'Neill havg an impartial Jury.

After this the Govr & Mr Longden got hold of Dean & got him to agree to vote with the Govr for the exclusion of the Soldiers. Mr Brooke was left alone in the Council & cd only have his opposition recorded & was, afterwards, actually told that it had been all prearranged. I beg to call yr attention to the reasons given in the Petition agt the attestation, & also as to the secret & hasty legislation, which may become serious. The Queen's instructions require that no law shall come into operation before bg confirmed unless the delay will occasion "serious injury or inconvenience", which cannot be alleged in this case. The Soldiers are with the Company in all cases & are their best Store customers as they earn money by work & have large families – Dean knows this. Any law may be carried (but for Mr Brooke tellg me) thru' in an hour & brought into operation without my knowg even that they had been asked to meet. The Council (Legislative) is directed to be constituted by the Governor & the 2 Magistrates first on the list & tho' there are to be only these 3, it is directed that 2 besides the Govr shall be a quorum. There are many ways in which the Govt might command Dean's vote, even by a hint, & an effort shd be made to put a stop to their purchasing here except by public tender as well as aft the Govr & Col Secy attending & bidding agt the public by auction.

15. The corresponde as to the Slaughter House will further shew the miserable conduct of the governor. I have had the main drain covered in, (to which Mr Longden avoided reference you will see in his Letters) & the other made fit for Summer use – the repairs were a mere pretence.
16. I plainly see that all money recd for land sales for a year or two at least, & all other funds which can be spared from their proper applicn will be applied to buildg the addition to the new Govt House & furnishing it, instd of to the advancement & improvement of the Colony – it is a mere caprice & totally unnecessary. On my payg for the 2 plots of Land in Decr it was set about, but on Captn Packe payg for 2 Lots (those at Mare Harbour in his "temporary occupation") more recently, it was actively proceeded with & the Govr is now living in the old part, formerly the Govt Offices. The other House was ample for all purposes, even in Mrs Moores lifetime & when Mr Brooke also lived in it. It is very vexatious to see that the Coy only have an interest in the improvement of the Settlet.
17. I send a separate statement of the grounds of complaint & for redress as regards the Govrs conduct in the hope that the Directors will bring it formally before the Colonial Secy – his recall wd give universal satisfaction & any change might be jope to be an improvemt. He recd by the "Victoria" last Month 20 18 Gallon Casks of Ale & 10 Bls of Flour – much more than he wants himself & he is trying to dispose of a portion – contrary of course to the Liquor Ordinance which requires any private person sellg to none not licenced, to pay a duty of £20. It is well known that Captn Packe kills Govt Cattle when, as is, frequently, the case, he stays for some days, at Mare Harbour or elsewhere but he says the Govr does it himself when out in the Camp.
18. A strong attempt has been made by Dean, connived by the Govr, to prevent the Crew of the "Russell" going in the "Victoria" but it has been frustrated. I send corresponde. He went to the Govr to complain & he got frightened – the object was to give Smyley a chance of takg them at full charge to the US Government to Monte Video, & bring anything back for Dean, & to get some of them to go in Smyley's Vessel afterwards as Sealers. The Victoria takes 26 Passengers & the

passage money this time will be upwards of £80. Of this I am obliged to take an order on the US Consul at M Video for £60 which may not be paid, but I can only then get either Cash here from Smyley on his return, or take his Draft on the US Government, as Dean wd not pay Cash.

19. I send one part of the Grant of the Southern Peninsula, retaining the other, & the separate Grants of the Town & Suburban allotments. You will note the correspondence as to Seal Island – my object was to exclude former proceedings & to make the question depend solely on the legal construction of the Grant & it now does so – that is to say as to what is a “Sound”. When it does not include all Islds betn the two shores – I have added Govr Rennie’s red line to the sketch sent me, now returned for yr better information – you will see it embraces “Middle Island” – “Seal Island” is not in Mare Harbour, but helps to form it.
20. Be good enough to send out the last published Blue Book headed “Statistical Tables relatg to the Colonial & other possessions of the UK – Part 3”. It is compiled by Mr Fanblangue of the Bd of Trade & presented to Parliament – sold at the Party Papers Office for a trifle. The one here is for 1856 – that is not wanted.
21. I shd be glad of reliable information as to the value of Sea Lion Skins – it is the male of the Seal & has a Mane & is large weighg abt 100 lbs sometimes – the Seal has been hitherto almost exclusly caught, as containing far more Oil than the Male – but Dean has lately bought the Lion Skins also, sayg he does not know whether they will pay but he buys to encourage Trade &c. I cannot just now find what he give. Be good enough to ascertain the value of the Salted Skin per lb in England.
22. Fredk King wd be obliged by £4 being sent by P O Order to Ann Sophia Isbell, of Harrow on the Hill, for which he has paid here £4-0-6. *acc/c 15*
23. I send by the “Victoria” to Monte Video the 6 Barrels of Pork from Saunders Island & two from here for sale – also the sails of the “Wm Shand” to be disposed of by public auction. I believe they will sell well there, & if so, by her next trip, I shall send the Gear Rigging rope &c (not wanted here) of the same Ship, for sale there in the same manner.
24. I have no reason to suspect anything wrong on the part of McGarrell, but the temptation is great in the case of Ships Captns & crews buying at the Store & paying ready money - & also with the Sealers tho’ not to the same extent. There is no mode of detecting anything wrong in such cases, unless a Store Clerk kept a daily account of every sale & cd shew at a glance how much of any particular thing ought to be left. The office business is getting also very heavy & a Clerk might assist there also. If it shd be necessary I cd no doubt meet with some one in the Plate at a moderate Salary & save the expense of sending from England.
25. The Shepherd Watson came from Darwin Harbour a few days since & was of opinion that the Sheep had not suffered more than previous years, tho’ the past winter has been so severe – an iceberg has been seen close to the Island off Port Harriet, this week, high out of the water.

I am Sir

Your Obedt Servant
James Lane

George H Cripps Esq

PS

Oct 1 – The Victoria will sail before noon.

1. The description of various things in Mr Havers' Inventory is full & not to be taken without some allowance.
2. I send a Copy of the Cargo Book of goods required corrected to this time in red ink, but hope the Copy per Fairy will have reached you.
3. Rudd wd be obliged by your paying not exceeding £8 to the order of Captn Waller on rect of Bill of Lading of Goods shipped to John Rudd's order here.
4. Fitzroy & Sulivans Sailing Directions for the South Atlantic shd be corrected in the same manner as Horsburgh's Directory.

No 31 1859

James Lane

Stanley. 30 Sep

Rec. 7 Dec

No 32

Stanley October 21st, 1859

Recd 2 Jan 1860

Ackd 7 Jan 1860 No 229C

Sir

The "Atahualpa" Captn Wheeler, British Barque for Liverpool put in here for Water on the 19th inst & will sail tomorrow for Liverpool with a Mail by which I now write. My last Letters Nos 30 & 31 of which duplicates are herewith were despatched by the Victoria on the 1st Inst, the Passr by which – gave 3 Cheers for the Coy on leaving. I send 1st Exch Captn Appen of the Hamburg Barque "Alliance" for £32-14-7 for Stores sold & 7 ½ pc added thereto – also 2nd Captn Sibbald £20 & 3rd of Mr Despard for £16-17-0.

2. We have had 10 Vessels in within a fortnight for particulars see list. It is very vexatious to lose the vest business of these Vessels for want of Store supplies, independy of Dean doing harm by selling at high prices, such a Tea 3/6 a lb. I hear that the "Cumberland" bought of him 30 & the Buzzard 12 Casks of Beer for the Officers Mess – we had none.
3. Major Munro wrote me by the last Packet that a large Steamer belong to one of the Companies, the "Oncida" from Australia to Engld had put into M Vo for Coals. She cd have coaled cheaper here, besides savg heavy Port charges &c.
4. The "Jane Boyd" Captn Scott came in without a Rudder. I supplied her with that of the "Wm Shand" & one of her Gudgeons for £30 which the Captn considered very moderate. The Hulk is equally good without them & her cost is thus reduced to £190. Her Wheel & Spindle will I believe be required by the Dane at £8 – it cost at auction 10s/-. The "Jane Boyd" belongs to George Thomson P & Co of London & Aberdeen, who have 12 Vessels in the West Coast Trade & you might get them to direct their Captns to the Coy when calling here. Captn Scott cd have discharged 60 Tons of Coke into the "Wm Shand" but he said his owners told him to go to Lloyd's Agent always – in this case the few days wd be unimportant whilst fixing the Rudder; but you will see that I have this difficulty to contend with. The Captns must go to "Lloyds Agent", they think, (if there is no Notary) on arrival to make their Sea Protests, altho' it is only as bg a magistrate that Mr Dean can take them in fact. The Ordinance you will find authorises the Govr to appoint a Notary but it provides that such appointment shall be cancelled on a Notary being appointed in Engld – I do not recollect the expense or mode of getting appointd but I think both are easy to an admitted attorney to act as Notary out of England. My Annual Certificate was omitted to be taken out since I left Europe, but probably this is no material. The Captns wd then on landing come at once to me & it wd be a great advantage.
5. I have no cards or statement of supplies to hand to Captains & hope the statement in this respect (say on Note paper) which I asked for in March may arrive by this Mail. Dean tells Captains that he will supply fresh provisions, & has sent to the Butchery for them to prevent the Captains coming first or early to our Store. I have, however, told him that the Butcher has orders only to supply Ships on the Captns personal application – still some printed paper is much wanted to hand them thro' the Pilot when outside & to give them to distribute to others.
6. I send a Copy of a Letter from Mr Longden as to his prosecn for killing Cattle. The object was to make out, totally contrary to the fact, that the Govt had relinquished the prosecn out of consideration for the Company. I also send corresponde as to the escaped Cattle – not those escaped since I came but,

during the Meeting in the North Camp, those whh were put inside & got away. It wd not at all pay to hunt for them. I suppose nothg more can be done than to capture any when met with.

7. The appointment of Council is well worthy of the Directors attention. Mr Havers does every thing he can with the Hamburgh Vessels & others to play into the hands of Dean.

The Crew & Captn of the wrecked Hamburg Ship⁵⁴ (14 in all) brought here on the "Alliance" were of course handed over to him. He hired a Cottage for them & bought Blankets, Cooking Utensils &c for them of Dean instd of boarding them with some one as usual – they had neither fuel nor lights & the workg people gave them some. The Captain (altho goes in all probability by the "Atahualpa") is very angry & says he shall make it known at home – that they are playing into each others hands & are both Jews &c! They want to send the Men by the Brig Dean has chartered, keeping them here sevl weeks whilst the poor fellows earn nothing & can barely live on what is provided for them.

I cannot but think that either the Company as such may be appointed & an Exequatur obtained or that A B or the Col Manager of the Coy for the time being may be – the form in which the Exequatur wd be given is the chief point to be attended to & all information on the subject can no doubt be obtained at the foreign office. The only other Consuls here are Dean for Denmark & Smyley, Commercl Agent for the US. Yesterday a Bremen Ship⁵⁵ came in & I hear that Godefried & Co of Hamburgh own abt 20 Ships (the "Alliance" is one of theirs) many engaged in the West Coast Trade – one of the Captains has just told me that Mr Havers had represented himself as Consul for the 4 free Cities viz Hamburgh Bremen Lubeck & Frankfurt. I believe it wd be worth every effort to the Company to obtain these Consulships & others. Mr Havers will certainly do whatever mischief he can to the Coy whilst here, tho' a very few days open the eyes of Captains.

8. The "Alliance" bought all she required of the Coy amongst other things Beef, & Pork purchd of the Wm Shand each at £5, sold for £7-10-0 each Bl.
9. Captn Smyley left for M Vo on the 19th Aug to get a Vessel for the Ellen A Miller's cargo but has not returned – he has sent a US Brig for Dean to charter to London with his Oil Skins &c. I shd think he has about 150 Tons. I shall hope to see the "Victoria" next week with the English Mails of Aug & Sep & shall then be guided, as to whether to retain, or endr to get the Brig to take what we have to send, by yr advices. I hear the freight is 50s/- per Ton – others say the Brig is chartered.
10. The "Queens Arms" I find is in the hands of the Crown for the life of their late Owner⁵⁶, now a convict & is not therefore to be bought. There is a Town Lot (half an acre) of Captn Sulivans, betn Captn Smyley's House & the Coys Store, which it wd be advisable to buy for £20 or £25 – it cost £50 – also a similar half acre lot of Captn S at the East corner of Ross Road on which is a wooden Buildg formerly a House, but now only fit for fencing wood, which the Coy shd buy, if it can be had for £50 or £60 – the situation is the best vacant by far. Bowden's House is spoken of as the only one the new Chaplain cd occupy – it is next to the Church & I hope you have been able to secure it. Captn Sulivans lots above mentd cd be conveyed in the form before sent for Bowdens – the descriptions above wd

⁵⁴ "Ar"

⁵⁵ "Brema"

⁵⁶ Christopher MURRAY

suffice, if the Deeds are not at hand. Bowden's wd let for more than I named £30 or £35 per an:

11. The great majority of Vessels which put back here damaged are injured in or lose their Rudder, & nothing gives so great an advantage as to have the kind of wood required – this Dean wants. I have made careful enquiry of Ships' Carpenters & Captains & send a list of Rudder Stocks &c required – there are none here & whoever has them has the best chance of securing the Ship's business.
12. I hope the Tallow Staves will shortly arrive – they are greatly needed; 20,000 wd sell if offered for several are enclosing with wood. The Iron wd be also of great use – the Colony is already without green Vegetables & soon will be without Potatoes – it wd be a pity to lose another season in planting, but without enclosures it cannot be done. The Coy requires double the quantity of Land in cultivation which they now have – it wd return 50 per Ct besides satisfying Shipping.
13. I have begun painting the Coy's Cottages, which sadly wanted it, but cannot whitewash for want of Lime which I hope will arrive by the "Fairy" there is none in the Colony & is generally wanted.
14. I send the Septr monthly accts – the Store sales have kept up better than I cd have hope for.
15. I am in want of the sellg price of the hides, Wool, Sheepskins Bones &c, as some are now offered for sale & I cannot judge of the purchase price.

I am Sir

Your Obdt Servant
James Lane

George H Cripps Esq

No 32 1860

James Lane

Stanley. 21 Oct 59

Rec. 2 Jan 60

Awd. 7 Jan 60

No 33

Stanley October 31st, 1859

Recd 5 Jan 1860

Ackd 7 Jan 1860 No 229C

Sir

Having written so recently by the "Atahualpa" & having little time by this opportunity the "Kit Carson" to Liverpool arrived here today, I have little to report.

2. We are doing the caulking & repairs of the "D H Watjen" – the wages for the former being £130 by contract with Phillips.
3. The wrecked crew of the Hamburg Vessel proceed to Liverpool by this Ship.
4. There are two Colonial Vessels signalled, but they are not either right here – whr the "Victoria" "Fairy" or Nancy I cannot say but will add a line if able to ascertain in time.
5. The fencing is much wanted.

I am Sir

Your Obedt Servant
James Lane

George H Cripps Esq

No 33 1860

James Lane

Stanley. 31 Oct 59

Rec. 5 Jan 60

Awd. 7 Jan 60

No 34

Stanley October 21st, 1859 Midnight

Recd 5 Jan 1860

Ackd 7 Jan 1860 No 229C

Sir

The "Nancy" came in this Evening, with the Mail of August **No 223C**, & your Letter, of the 8th of that Month, duly arrived with enclosures. The "Kit Carson" is to sail at day-break tomorrow, or rather this Morning, & I can do little towards replying in detail to your Letter. The other Vessel, signalled, has not come in – she may have been the "Nancy", standing off & on, & so mistaken by the Lighthouse keeper for two. The "Victoria" with the Septr Mail, is hourly expected.

2. The arrangements for sending Goods, in succession, seem very judicious. You will have seen that the next wool crop will not be ready, in its entirety, so early as the chartered Vessel will probably arrive – but, on the other hand, the Store will be deficient, if she is delayed, which it is most desirable to avoid. All the Wool procurable shall be sent, with whatever else can be shipped – but I cannot expect a full Cargo to send. I may be able (to assist) to send the "Victoria" on a Sealing trip. Could you make any arrangemts for the Vessel to fill up at M Video with freight or produce to be purchased there. A great opportunity, for sales, to the Ships now here, will have been lost, but it cannot be helped. The fact of Dean having his Cargo, per "Moultan", appears to me a reason for the Company having Goods at the same time – they wd have the best chance of sale, it wd, more than anythg, discourage him – the present long interval, has given him, for the time, some courage, but he feels himself getting, in many ways, hard pressed.
3. I regret to hear of the heated Hides & will urge attention upon Bonner. I think it must have arisen from the hides of animals, found dead, in the Camp, being injured by exposure, before being taken off & communicated to others.
4. The 7 Par of yr Letter **No 223C** is written, I think, under a misapprehension of the Ordinance – Sec 15 allows Masters of Ships to sell to a Publican (or any one holding any licence) without paying a licence duty – the mischief is, that the Publicans buy of Ship Masters direct, & they are able to sell cheap, not havg freight or other charges to add to the cost.

I am Sir

Your Obdt Servant

James Lane

George H Cripps Esq

No 34 1860

James Lane

Stanley. 31 Oct 59

Rec. 5 Jan 60

Awd. 7 Jan 60

No 35

Stanley November 1st, 1859

Recd 5 Jan 1860

Ackd 7 Jan 1860 No 229C

Sir

The "Kit Carson" is detained by a heavy Gale from the North which allows me to refer to some points of your Letter **No 223C** in addition to my Letters 33 & 34.

2. The Selection of goods is apparently well made to arrive by "Fairy", but many articles will run short before the next Vessel's Cargo is received – Beer Spirits &c – Boots & Shoes – Groceries &c – Crockery &c &c in particular. The revised list, sent by the Mail of the 1st Oct, shd be fully supplied - & 75 Bls of each quality of Ship biscuit instead of 50 of each as mentioned.
3. With regard to Holts invoice of Beer, we made no mistake as mentd in Par 23 of yr Letter 223C. The 5 Hgds Porter were sold as 5 Hgds, & their contents were unimportant as to containg 1 Bl or 1 ½ Bl – But the invoice, which I return, entirely misled in the way it was worded, viz by saying "5 Casks Do" under "5 Hhds Porter", & the numbers of the two items are different. We consequently considered that "5 Casks Do" were 5 Casks of Porter left behind but judging from yr Letter that you cd obtain a return of "about 19s/-" for the Staves &c, I conclude that the 19s/- shd have been added to the sellg price of the Porter, as for Casks. Nothing is charged in the Invoice for the Barrels containing the Bottled Beer. The custom, here, is, not to return the Casks as in England, but Dean allows 10s/- a Cask, on their being returned, & uses them afterwards for Oil. I intend to adopt this plan, because, if we buy Seal Oil, the Casks must be provided & new ones wd cost more.
4. The prices of articles bought low, & injured, as mentd in Parag 9 of your Letter, shall be kept in mind.
5. Only one of the Masters of the Vessels now in Port had a Chart, & the majority were quite ignorant of the Settlement. Some supposing it existed only from seeing the Lighthouse.
6. Mr Havers is now occupied in taking Portraits at 5 Guineas each & lower.

I am Sir

Your Obdt Servant

James Lane

George H Cripps Esq

No 35 1860

James Lane

Stanley. 1 Nov 59

Rec. 5 Jan 60

Awd. 7 Jan 60

No 36

Stanley November 17th, 1859

Recd 6 Feb 1860

Ackd 8 Feb 1860 No 231C

Sir

Replying to your Letters of 8th Aug 223C & 8th Sept 225C.

2. **Letter 223C Par 3.** The value of Horns and of the Common bones was received but not that of the Shins & Hoofs. I have no doubt but that the Hides supposed to have been defectively cured were those taken off animals found dead in the Camp & which had remained exposed for a longer or shorter time before being obtained. I have desired Bonner to keep all such Hides separate from others in future & to see that they are stowed separately – several hundred were found dead after the Winter of 1858 – about double those after the past winter altho' much more severe.

Par 15. I hope James Boyd now may not have been engaged – if I can come to terms with Phillips he will be the best man, being almost always on Surveys, & I shd to a great extent be able to check exorbitant wages. There is a Government Fire Engine here for public use which the Soldiers are trained to use.

Par 18. I hope to be able to do for the present without a larger Cutter being sent out.

Par 24. It wd not do to reduce Spirits to proof – the Publicans have a Guage & Dean never does it – it is easy to get the equivalent in the charge, & it wd be less liable to misrepresentation.

Par 26. The Shepherds 5 Children⁵⁷ wd have been better avoided – 2 additional Wooden Houses have to be built – one betn the Boca & Cantera & another near Teal Creek but they contain but 2 rooms. Beef for so many mouths, free, too is a considerable item – all allowances wd be better left out also, as it makes others dissatisfied & money payment is better & more economical as a large portion of wages is recd back min the profit on sales to the men.

Letter 225C Par 3. I am very glad to hear of the adjournment of the Genl Meeting, & hope that the Stock taking accounts &c, & those by previous Mails, last sent will have furnished all needful materials, as I do not know what more cd be sent in the imperfect state of the old Books.

Par 4. With regards to the day for closing accounts here the 1st Aug wd be the most convenient time – or if preferred the 1st July. Sept & Oct bring in Vessels in consequence of the Equinoctial Gales & they wd render other work, with our limited staff, impractical.

Par 6 to 12. The time for despatching a Vessel from England, having regard to her return Cargo, may well be by the middle of Janry – 6 weeks at least must be allowed for discharging, here, in boats (the "Moultan" was nearly 2 Months in discharging alone) & taking on board return Cargo, here, & at Darwin Harbour & the years clip of Wool & Hides, wd then be ready for Shipment – say end of Apl for the Latter – 85 days shd be allowed for Voyages & contingencies. For 2 or 3 years I think a Vessel of 150 to 180 Tons Regn wd I think be ample, unless with a larger one you arranged for freight from Monte Video, or to purchase produce to

⁵⁷ William FELL, a shepherd from Scotland, his wife Ann, and their children James, Isabella, Margaret, Anne and Elizabeth, left The Thames, London 23 November 1859 on board the Sunrise, arriving in Stanley 8 February 1860

fill up. The quantity of Seal Oil & number of Seal Skins for sale vary much & will take time before I can get the Captns of the Boats to go out of the long accustomed course of selling to Dean, to whom so many are indebted here – he thinks it almost robbery to interfere with his old “monopoly”. **Par 9.** Sealers go out & return all the year round – there is no Season – when their receipts are spent in drink they go again to seal. As to sending out a second Cargo within the year there can be no question as to the great desirability & of receiving Merchandise frequently, & as proposed, in less quantities than wd come by a large ship. If by calling at Monte Video the return freight could be secured or other arrangements made there, then nothg cd be better for this place, than to send out anr Cargo as soon as it cd be got ready after the Vessel reached England. It wd allow of many suggestions as to goods & have more effect here both upon the public & Dean than anythg I cd suggest – useless Stock (now so great an annoyance to see) wd always be avoided also. A second return Cargo, you well seem as regards Wool, could not be found. Hides, it wd be only of those animals killed for consumption, as there is not much to be done in the Camp in Winter. Sealers might all be out, on their 3 or 4 Months trips, when the Cargo was wanted. The purchasing power of Oil &c, it must be remembered, may be much lessened by heavy sales to & repairs of Ships for which Bills wd have to be taken, & the remittance wd be made in that form. I feel no doubt of being able to remit as you hope – in the last 15 Months the expenditure has been heavy here in various ways which I cannot shortly write, but whh will not occur again. Every building required repair, and expenditure in various other ways, was absolutely necessary.

Par 14. I send the yearly fixed expenses here – the Darwin Harbour expenses for wages are continually lessening – 28 hands being now employed instead of about 40 – additional labour for cultivation, for the wants of Vessels, & otherwise is of course frequently wanted.

Par 15. No one can have any doubt who has lived any time here, but that it was systematically attempted to make the Directors relinquish all operations here – the result wd have been that the money realised by produce sent home, wd have been returned to pay the expenses of the Camp Establishment.

Par 16. It is reported that the “Termagent” Steamer is to come here very soon to bring the Stores for the Troops! – the expense even from Monte Video must be great & quite unnecessary. The Government (quite distinct from the Troops) ought not to have sevl thousand pounds worth of stores. No tenders are asked for – the patronage to the Colonial Secretary is objectionably used to obtain influence or otherwise – but when the Coy are well supplied little will be to be feared, tho’ it wd be important to stop the system.

Par 19. No one here, independt of the Government, but wd admit that they do little or nothing for the Colony & in fact obstruct, or at least check, all attempts in individuals from jealousy, I believe, & fear of having power over individuals. Mr Longden has been here too long, his recollections are of a period when Government were despotic in everything, & he fully deserves, as regards assiduity & office ability, promotion, as well as from long service. It may afford you some idea of the difficult part to be played here, when I mention that Mr Longden & Mr Bailey board at Mr Hamblin’s, & Captn Packe lives there every Sunday. Mr Longden has the good taste to spend abt one Evg a week, smoking, at Dean’s, I fully believe not from any relish for his Society, but for the sake of holding Dean in hand. The administration of justice is greatly improved & I feel sure Mr Brooke is doing right, but he has been hard pressed, & wd have had to

succumb if unsupported, from the Govrs & Mr Longden's bad feeling at his increasing popularity & firmness – the people now believg that he is uninfluenced in his duties.

Par 20. You have overlooked the fact that the Coy held no licence when I applied to see the Police Book. The clause you refer to could not apply to the request – it only, as is always the case, prohibits a Justice holding a licence “to act” under the Ordinance.

Par 23. I have not heard of, or been able to trace, any Consignments to Mr Havers for sale at his private profit or commission. Mr Hocquard consigned some things, which I think were accounted for thro' the Coy. The Books will shew.

Par 24. No one can buy the “Queens Arms” at present – Goss is a very civil man & a good customer – if his Letters were not dictated, they arose from the fear of Government, which I am trying in every way gradually to overcome – he might find the renewal of his licence refused! Longden Bailey Packe & Hamblin wd be a Majority – Mr Brooke then did not feel, nor was considered, able to act for himself firmly, but now they feel they are unable to do as formerly, & time & firmness will soon alter matters, but a family party like this is far from being advantageous to the Colony, with a Governor in the hands, necessarily, of the Colonial Secretary. I have, consequently, adopted the rule of making no distinction, or favouring any one as regards the Store or employment & I believe it is working well. So long as the Coy's Store remained unsupplied, Dean wd pursue an opposite course, & either raise prices, or make his feeling felt by those who preferred the Compy.

Par 25. I think you must have misapprehended my remarks referred to in this Par – I have always considered the infusion of new blood by cross breeding of the greatest importance both to Cattle & Sheep. I believe the total want of fat in the former, even when flesh increases is attributable to the in & in of breeding.

Par 28. Mr Dean's remarks abt Capt'n Waller are most unjust, & can only be attributable to his acting independy here, when he came in the 2nd time, viz ill health Mr Dn advised him, when he cd, to get some horse exercise - & I remember hearg of Dean's saying he was “enjoying himself”. Whilst the Coals were bg discharged under the usual direction of the Mate, it wd have been of no service for him to have looked on on board. I am sure he did his duty – but he never drank anythg but water, & Mr Dean's temptations, in his office, were unavailing. I never gave him the slightest inducemt to assist the Coy, beyond, on his leaving, a free passage to Monte Video. I hope Capt'n Sibbald may be appointed, for tho' he wd not be selected amongst others, it ws be a great gain, compared with Dean; - as to whom you will have heard no doubt, in detail, from Capt'ns Blair & Waller. Capt'ns hear frequently repeated “My father is Lloyd's Agent – he will let you have money” &c &c.

I am Sir

Your Obt Servant

James Lane

George H Cripps Esq

No 36 1860

James Lane

Stanley. 17 Nov 59

Rec. 6 Feb 60

Awd. 8 Feb 60

No 37

Stanley November 28th, 1859

Recd 6 Feb 1860

Ackd 8 Feb 1860 No 231C

Sir

The "Victoria" came in on the 2nd inst, having landed her large number of passengers safely at M vo. On the inst she sailed for Darwin Harbour with Sheep Dressg & such Stores as we had – thence to go to Hope Place, to take the remaining materials to the Boca & afterwards to load & bring here a Cargo of Poles & Posts, which were obtained from Staten Isld by McLoughlin, some 2 years ago, & have since remained on shore at Hope Place.

2. The "Fairy" was very welcome & arrived on the 13th inst – havg been upwards of 20 days, in heavy weather, off & from the Plate, - her wear & tear is not important or more than was to be expected. She has had a new Gib-boom fixed & is to leave at midday on the 1st proxo for Monte Video with the Mails.
3. The Cargo proved in good condition, with very few & trifling exceptions, which I hope to notice separately, the intending to defer sending an indent, for want of sufficient time to arrange it, by this Mail. She was discharged in 2 ½ days (the 16th) & the selling forces all fixed & sales commenced on the 17th – sales have gone on steady & at very satisfactory prices to the buyers, with a good profit – if possible I will send a note of the prices of some of the articles as examples.
4. I send Captn Sibbald's 3rd Exche for £20 – 2nd of Captn Von Appen⁵⁸ for £32-14-7 – 1st of Captn Jachtmann⁵⁹ for £15 acc/c 13 & first of Captn Trevianon⁶⁰ for £19-3-10 acc/c 13 with advice Letters for the 2 latter Bills.
5. I am glad to report that the "William Shand" has proved again useful – I let her to Captn Bactzer of the "D H Watjen" to put in her 300 Tons of Coals at his own expense, at a Rent of £1 a day. They will remain abt a month altogr on board. On the 3rd inst the Captn came to me early in the month on some alarm at his Coals (1600 Tons) being heated – I immedy went on board & to the hold by each hatchway & on the Coals being dug into 3 or 4 feet a blue vapour arose & the heat was too great to keep the hand upon them for any time. I called a Survey the same day (Captn Sibbald, Captns Scott⁶¹ & Trevianon) & after probing the Coals in all parts it was decided to take 200 or 300 Tons from the fore & shift the whole forwards to cool them & place ventilators in many parts. The Wm Shand Hull was alongside at day break of the 4th & the 300 Tons taken on board – they are now being taken out of her & I hope no harm will come before they reach Valparaiso. I shall remit Draft on the owners for the acct of this Ship, with 7 ½ per cent added by the next opportunity.
6. In the "D H Watjen" is a Passenger who has been many years engd in South Wales & Ireland as a Miner – he expressed himself very sanguine of finding Coal & minerals here – I had him sent to the Govr indirectly. The corresponde will shew what followed – I hope he will stop, having taken a Peat cutting job, & being anxious to try the ground. I call yr attention to the unstraight forward way in which the Government Letters are written, in reference to trying to throw the work on the Company.

⁵⁸ Of the "Alliance"

⁵⁹ Of the "St Pauli"

⁶⁰ Of the "Brema"

⁶¹ Of the "Jane Boyd"

7. On the Victoria's return I shall try & send her on a Sealing trip on the "locy" (shares). The owners get $\frac{1}{3}^{\text{rd}}$ of the gross value of the take – the Captn & Crew makg their own arrangements as to the remg $\frac{2}{3}^{\text{rds}}$ & buying provisions at the Store at their own expense for the trip & of course receivg no wages whilst out – the $\frac{1}{3}^{\text{rd}}$ is thus clear (& much of the remg $\frac{2}{3}^{\text{rds}}$ comes back to the Store) besides freight & profit on the purchase. The risk of the Vessel, tho' little thought of here, per contra. McLoughlan is a steady married man & good Master & very anxious to regain the character he had before his dismissal.
8. I send correspondence with Mr Dean & the Governor in consequence of a stand I was obliged to make to put an end to the efforts of the former to keep Captns away from the Company's Store &c – Altho' it could be only for a few hours, yet in that time Dean wd do all he could to supply them & misrepresent what the Company cd do, of whh I have had so many instances – their first wish is to get Beef & hence Dean's fears – he is greatly vexed at his ill success. The complaint of the "Hamburg Consul" arose thus – He asked the Butcher for Beef one afternoon just after the last portion had been sold. Rudd told him that he shd kill next morning – knowg the time if occupied well, he came again too early, & then told the Governor. This was sevl weeks before the Govr's Letter was written. I noticed Mr Havers speakg to the Butcher & interpreting his intention told the Butcher to take a note of it. A whole day even has never passed without there being Beef. The Beef referred to in the Letters was perfectly sweet but there was very little flesh on the forequarter & no fat, & the wind is so drying that it gives it a look to strangers not tempting certainly. I have never eaten myself any of Captn Packe's Beef, except when at others Houses; The American Captns abstained for a day or two, at Dean's instigation, from buying any Beef but then purchased – shortly after, Captn Packe killed for the Soldiers & Dean persuaded his Butcher to let those Captains have an animal & to give the Soldiers a day or two less rations – since then they have bought Beef of the Company. I have reason to know that Captn Packe is indebted to Dean – I shd not like it mentd but I am informed that he advd the purchase money of Bowden's stock & land & that it is not all yet repaid by Captn P.
9. By the "Fairy" I send a quantity of old Stock Rigging (Wm Shand) & Sundries for sale by auction at Monte Video – it has been here for years & found unsaleable – some of it in Mr Dale's time – the acct of the sale of the Sails of the Wm Shand was not ready when the "Victoria" left but they were sold, I heard, at a good profit – the order on the US consul for the passage of the wrecked Crew was honoured.
10. I have brought about a very good arrangemt as to Pilotage as to which I refer to conrresponde – Rutter is now on perfectly equal terms with Melville⁶², taking Vessels in turn – it is of much importance in many ways to the Coy. I found Melville anchoring them at the West end of the Settlemt – our Store being at the extreme East – the consequence was that the Captns & Crew had first to pass Goss' & Dean's after landing. Goss is a friend of Melville & Dean made it worth his while. Captn Wheeler of the "Atahualpa" remained longer outside than he ought & this & the unfairness to Rutter made me apply to the Governor. He told Captn Wheeler, who made some remark as to pilotage, that they "wanted to support the old man" meaning Melville, which in truth meant we want to keep the Company back. I send Copy of Rutter's instructions. You will observe that the want of "fresh provisions" is not alluded to – only water & safety – water is

⁶² Charles MELVILLE was appointed Chief Pilot and Harbourmaster 08 September 1853. He first came to the Falkland Islands with Lt SMITH in 1832

obtained at the West end of the Settlement & the Harbour is safe every where. I did not think it worth while, however, to notice this, altho' provisions cd not have been overlooked as the first want on coming into the Harbour, & being required almost daily, wd be the chief consideration as to anchoring conveniently.

11. I have engaged the Blacksmith (Horrocks⁶³) for 3 years, subject to dismissal on 6 Months notice. I had been obliged 6 months ago to refuse to employ him from drunkenness & to take the only other & very inferior man (Ennis⁶⁴) – Horrocks then came almost to want & I sent him on labourer's wages to Darwin Harbour with his Wife & Child – he returned with his debts pd & abt £10 in hand last month, just when the Vessels came in so thickly & I then engaged him as above at 7s/- a day & givg him one of the Coy's Cottages, the most distant from the Settlemt, occupied by Llamosa & I hope he will remain steady being a very good workman. He has lately wholly made an anchor for a large Cutter & turned it out well. I also engaged Ennis at the same time for a month & am continuing him from day to day – both have had full work for Ships hitherto & Dean has done nothing. I charge 18s/- a day for one man & the use of the Forge & Coals – Iron at per lb.
12. King (Carpenter) left on the 9th when his renewed 6 months expired – he goes to Vancouver's Island & of course draws the £80 left in the Coy's hands before I arrived. I fear I made too much of him being a steady man & good workman. I had had sevl hints of his being frequently in the Evg with Mr Havers & complacent of his overbearing manner to other workmen, & on the first day I had engaged Ennis to work for the Ships, & it was just in the balance whether the Coy or Dean shd do the work, he took the key of the forge from Ennis at 6 of am & told me at breakfast time that he was too drunk to work for some time, not that day. I went to the Stores & found the man perfectly sober & some of the other men very indignant with King. I obtained the key from the latter & the man went on with his work. King offered to stay if I wd pay him Ship's wages, until he sailed but I declined, & I hope it will turn out for the best, if I can come to an arrangement with Phillips. I have had, indirectly, an offer from the Govt Carpenter (Wm Biggs⁶⁵) to leave the Govt & to be employed by the Coy. I have deferred closing with any (at very little inconvenience, getting the Ship's Captns to things over hours, on shore) in order to shew them that the Coy can do without & to prevent their deceiving themselves as to obtg exorbitant terms. You will see that Dean offered Phillips (see corresponde with the former) £1 a day to caulk the American Vessel, instd of the "D H Watjen" – I refused to give more than 14s/6d & cd only ultimately overcome the difficulty by making a contract for £130 which was far too much – the only mode will be to engage a good man & Phillips wd be the best, at say 8s/- a day & charge Ships 12s/- or 14s/6d.
13. You will find by the correspondence & papers now sent that the wrecking proceedings have continued & come to an end – a great check will have been given to it, & I doubt if it will be practised again with confidence. But for Dean as the buyer, it cd not be done. At the Sale of the Hull & contents of the "Ellen Miller" Dean was asked what she contained besides the Coals – No ansr was given except that all was included. After Smyley had bought the whole for £30 – he said publicly "Now I will tell you there are (so many) Casks of White Lead &

⁶³ *Joseph HORROCKS, blacksmith brought out by FIC, arrived on the "Record" with his wife & 2 children 28 September 1852*

⁶⁴ *Lawrence ENNIS arrived on the "Napoleon" 6 Jun 1847 from Montevideo to work for Lafone*

⁶⁵ *William BIGGS arrived as a child with his family 15 January 1842 on board the "Hebe"*

other things in her" – this is the man placed to protect US Commercial interests. The day after I wrote the Govr *as pr Correspondence sent* as to his killing Cattle in March, the Governor was shaking hands with him & in conversation in the public road more than once – 4 days afterwards he had Dean to dine with him!

14. Captain Travers will write you, as to misunderstandgs with his Mates, from Monte Video. He mentions some understg as to his pay being made £13 a Month from the time of leavg England; it remains for me to hear as to this. I shall debit the "Directors" with the Fairy's wages up to the 1st Decr as under

Captn & Crew	balce	31- 8-10
Taylor (Mate)		5- 0
Apprentice		<u>2- 2- 6</u>
		£ 33-16- 4

And from 1st Decr we open an account with the "Fairy" as with the "Victoria". You will of course credit the "Fairy" with the outward freight & debit the consignment here. We are without the rect of the acct of Freight Insure & Charges on her 2 Voyages.

15. Mr Brooke has again refused to act illegally at Smyley's & the Govrs bidding – the former, with a Captain, went to Mr Brooke, & stated that a Man was a deserter, & he wanted him put into Prison at once – he was told the Man must have a hearing but this he (Smyley) wd not agree to & left. Mr Brooke put the case of Smyley deciding that an American shd be hanged & his applicant to him to do it without trial – he had been previously to the Governor, who this time, did not send Mr Longden to the Court, but referred Smyley there, & he stating that the Govt was willing to assist him – things are rapidly improving in this respect.
16. I observe by the price currents (Maritime Regr) that the "Sack" of flour (Norfolk & Suffolk) is stated to contain 280 lbs & the price 30s/- to 31s/- per "sack". We have it in American Barrels from Monte Video, contg 196 lbs only, & the last 50 cost 42s/- into Store per Bl (selling at 52s/-) – if the difference in quantity is correct, it wd be far cheaper to get it from England, but it must be good flour. We have only just enough to last until the return of the "Fairy", having recd & sold 355 Bls since the 1st Janry. The price varies greatly in the narrow market of M Video.
17. By a Vessel to the West Coast I sent you an application, from Captn Sibbald, for Lloyd's Agency, & now send duplicate, the first recd to be sent in, & as may be best judged, either unsupported or otherwise. The removal of Dean wd be of great importance & seeing the improper use which he makes of the office, I cannot think it unfair to make the attempt.
18. I have before mentd as to the Hides supposed to have been insufficiently cured, & have desired Bonner to keep those taken from dead animals separate. Those killed here even, in last winter, had lost almost all their hair from poverty, & I mention it because this might be supposed to arise from bad salting – they are now getting sound.
19. The Brig chartered by Mr Dean sailed on the 22nd inst for London with a full Cargo, the result of 2 or 3 years collection I believe.
20. The Brig "Tigre" of Liverpool came in last week – 3 months from M Video having been collecting Guano on the Patagonian Coast. She is in the hands of Smith Brothers of Monte Video, & has sailed for New Island (WF) which Messrs Smith have bought & leased in the usual way – they are, there, to fill up with Guano (havg 100 Tons on Bd now) to mix with the Patagonian, & obtaining as much as possible of the crystals (Granite), of which a considerable quantity is obtainable, & return to Monte Video – they have some project of combining a Whaling Station, with Guano adventure, New Island being a usual resort of Whalers, if this

Cargo is found promising, other Vessels wd follow. It is said that Messrs Smith have some 3000 Tons of Patagn Guano unsold, in London or other English Port. I had a Letter of introduction from Mr Hocquard, brought by Mr Elsie a clerk of Smith Brothers, who accompanies the Vessel, but shall be cautious in respect of credit. They have taken 6 live Wethers at £2-2-0 each & wanted tame (half bred) Cows, which I offered at £10 each, allwg £1 for the Hide if returned, in good condition. They wished to first refer to Monte Video – Rodeo Oxen I offered to £5 each but they want Cows to breed. They have paid Cash.

21. Our Books are open for the Account Sales of the Fairy's return Cargo in April, & the freight &c of her 2 Voyages but as before mentd.
22. Mr Havers claims a Piebald Pony here, which he says "my account is debited" with the price of – I presume he means that he has debited himself in the Company's Books sent you?
23. I send duplicate of the Septr accts & those for October – togr with Shipping list.

I am Sir

Your Obt Servant
James Lane

George H Cripps Esq

No 37 1860

James Lane

Stanley. 28 Nov 59

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No 38

Stanley November 29th, 1859

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Sir

The Sheep flocks are becoming so important to the Company that I have given particular consideration to them, commencing for that purpose with the Camp Manager & Shepherds, & particularly with the view of keeping distinct flocks of the different breeds, & to determine what crosses are the best, under local & all circumstances, especially with regard to fleeces - & the followg is the result.

1. The pure Cheviots are the heaviest in fleece.
2. The Cheviot & Southdown (Cheviot Ram with Southdown Ewes) little lighter – but is not the wool finer?
3. The crosses CM (Cheviot Ram with Mastiza Ewes) are good in fleece & flesh – After 2 or 3 strains it wd require an experienced eye to see they were not pure Cheviots – after this year there will be enough of these crosses, (in which the breed of the Ewes is hardly distinguishable as just mentioned) to keep a separate flock & Bales of Wool & it can then be seen whether there is any difference in their value compared with No 1.
4. As an experiment Southdown Rams with Mastiza have been tried, & these will be Lambs this Season (I use the word “Mastiza” in preference to “Monte Videan”, as it more correctly expresses the breed, meaning “crossbred”, & I believe it is that used generally for the Plate Sheep).
5. The pure Southdown do very well & those Rams with the pure Cheviot Ewes, & also with the cross CM, are very promising – the Southdown appears to be least subject to scab. It wd be well to keep in view to ascertain whether the former of these crosses, if not both, wd not give more valuable wool than the pure Cheviot even; but after the best breed of Southdown Rams had been sent.
6. We have one bale of pure Southdown Wool of last years clip yet to send, which you will be able to compare with the others – there are now about 30 pure Southdown Ewes.
7. I do not think any more or other Sheep are required here than half a dozen of the best Southdown Rams.
8. In future the Bales of Wool will be, separate, of
 1. Cheviot
 2. Southdown
 3. Mastiza
 4. Cheviot & Southdown (cross)
 5. Do & Mastiza (Do)
 6. Southdown & do (Do)
9. To make a neat Bale & marks there shd be sent out (in addition to the coarse stuff & bands before mentd) the iron Letters F.I.C. (or other device) & also the separate iron Letters C.S.M & the figures 1 to 9 & an O. for marking weight, with proper ink.
10. The Lambing is going on favourable, it lasts for abt 6 weeks from the 20th Oct – Shearing will begin this season 1st Decr instd of 1st Janry as heretofore.
11. You will no doubt find the fleeces in some of the Bales, yet here, of last year's clip, torn by the rough handling of the Sailors in the frequent transhipments – the next (present clip) will shew the advantage of the new arrangements, I hope, in

this respect, as they will be baled as sheared. For want of Bags a quantity of the Monte Videan, & of the CM, got mixed, being loose in the Schooner, coming here, & was indiscriminately baled; this will not either occur again. There were of Cheviot Bales 32 of which sent by "Fairy" 11 – remg here 21.

12. The Company have never yet been able to supply fair Beef & the difficulty in doing so is such as to make success far from hopeful – still I think there are means yet untried, which shd not be left so. Captn Packe has been allowed to purchase all the points of Land, within easy reach of the Settlement, where the pasturage would fatten; such as Long Island, Port Harriet point, where there is good grass & tussac on both, & the one can be used when the other is eaten down, & also Charles & William Points. He fattens a few at a time in this way, & kills them for the few families whom he wishes to favour, & who are thus dependant upon him; & he is able to get others in better condition than the Companys, tho' not fat, for the Soldiers. The former he sells, forequarters 3 ½ - hind 4 ½ per lb – the latter (as I have before mentd) he did not in July ask for tenders for, as theretofore – but for the supply to the Soldiers, I doubt if Captn Packe cd pay expenses – he wd no doubt sell to Ships, but wd not have meat ready for them with his arrangements. My great hope is Seal Island. There are many tussac islands belonging to the Company, but none of them are yet known to have water upon them in Summers. None of any size have a pass, & to use them Cattle must be lassoed & towed across – this could be done & wd have to be treated as of course if other difficulties cd be overcome – such as Water, distance, &c. I intend, as soon as I dare leave matters here for 2 or 3 weeks, to make inspection of the Coast of the Southern Peninsula & the adjoining Islands, & if anything can be done to carry it into effect, for I see that the best men are most difficult in Camp work, to move out of their old let alone ways. I think I have arrived at a partial remedy – no one doubts but that for the 3 or 4 Winter Months there is water enough in some of the Islands, & this wd fatten the Cattle agt the very time when they are in such miserable condition, viz the Spring, & I have decided on doing this much agt next winter. I have had 3 Oxen put lately on an Isld in Brenton Loch, as an experiment, to see whether, in the dry Season, there is sufficient moisture in the tussac to keep them alive. Horses find sufficient & get quickly fat. Seal Island has water all the year round & tussac – there is no pass, but the Sea from West Cove is not more than 150 yards wide I believe & cd be used by towing easily I believe – it wd be so much nearer to drive the animals here. Captn Packe is obliged to drive all animals he kills up to the Settlement the day before killing them, keeping them enclosed thro' the night. I have a view ultimately to have an enclosure adjoining the Dairy ground, to which to place, from time to time a few of the Cattle brought up for killing & feeding them upon turnips for a time before killing, or other food which may be found to grow & ansr best. I believe that the expense of cultivation shd be thought of here less than any other – the additional weight of the animals (now so miserable seldom exceeding 270 lbs, under 70 lbs a quarter) wd repay a great part, &, if the demand for vegetables for Shipping increased, the whole Cost of cultivation & fencing wd be more than repaid in 2 years crop – probably in one or a little more. Fencing is the first step & the Tallow Staves & iron fencing (as mentioned some time ago) might be sent in large quantities usefully, & wd sell, if not required, at a good profit, particularly the former.
13. Up to the 1st Novr 500 bulls had been castrated from the wild inside – the troop then returned for relays of Horses – more than one expend into each district will be required. I now feel easy as to the Cattle inside being safe & unable to get out

round the Wall, in the Loch by swimming – no one can tell the numbers which escaped formerly – they perservere beyond belief. Even the half bred Bulls have been driven back a dozen times, but they have for some time been always found in the early morning waiting inside, instead of at their old ground outside as heretofore,

14. I had information here of Arguello⁶⁶, the Capitaz, behaving trickily when in charge of the castrating party, bring the parts of Bulls found dead to prove how many had been cut &c. I wrote Bonner to discharge him & he & another Spaniard, Liveramento⁶⁷, are now here & will I suppose go by the "Fairy". I wrote Bonner desiring him not to let a Spaniard be "in charge" again under any circumstances, & to go himself more into the Camps & whilst writing I have a letter to whh he says "I am now going to take charge of the Camp work in person for the next 3 Months with Cletheroe as Capitaz, & will use any means to get Hides &c as wished". He mentions that the "Victoria" was 8 days in going round (south about) from Darwin Harbour & Hope Place! – another proof of the inconvenience of the latter Station.

I am Sir

Your Obedt Servant
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⁶⁶ Jose Maria "Pancha" ARGUELLO, native of Corrientes, arrived on the "Amelia" from Montevideo to work for FIC 10 September 1853

⁶⁷ D A LIVERAMENTO

No 39

Per HMS "Termagant"

Stanley December 26th, 1859

Recd 5 March 1860

Ackd 8 March 1860 No 233C

Sir

I send duplicated of my Letters 36, 7, 8 despatched by the "Fairy" on the 1st inst – also second of Exche of Captn Jachtmann £15, 2nd Do of Captn Treveranns £19-3-10 & 3rd of Captn Von Appen £32-14-7.

2. The "Termagant" brought the London mail of Oct 9th, arrivg here on the 17th inst with the Stores for the Troops (includg 6 or 8 months supply of flour) – I have supplied her with Beef Mutton Live Sheep Vegetables & Stores to an amount of upwards of £200 in fact with all she required, excepting 40 Tons of Coals. I do not believe £10 has been spent at Mr Dean's Store. On arrival, the Paymaster declined Dean's offer for Coals, ^ said he shd obtain all the Ship wanted from the Company – he then went with me on Board the Margaret, with the Engineer, & saw the Coals there, & on shore also & appeared quite satisfied with them. I offered *See No 40, 4* the Wm Shand Coals at 50s/- & and the others at 60s/-. I had arranged with the Engineer for supplying Bags Baskets &c but an hour or two afterwards the Paymaster saw Captn Hall & the governor, & recd directions to take Dean's (Moultan) Coals, which he had not seen. The Paymaster, a very gentlemanly man, expressed himself greatly annoyed, & the Governor's conduct was perfectly seen thro' by all. The Captn sent the Paymaster to report on the Beef 2 or 3 days after they arrived, evidently prompted by HE, but I had been able to supply fair Beef for those days, afterwards recd 5 good animals for "Xmas Beef", which went to the Ship & Captn Hall told me the Men liked both & that it was very good. The officers have been well entertained, & express themselves much pleased & say the men were never so satisfied as the Colonists treated them so well – upwards of 100 were on shore one night & almost all found a lodging – the Stewards have reported the Store prices to be considerably lower than they have found before out of England & I feel confident that, as regards the Company's business, a favourable report will be made. We have had (until a week ago) nearly 2 months without rain & the Government Reservoir was without water. Before the Rain came (the Reservoir is now full) Captn Hall had condensed water & so obtained his supply – he told me that he was sorry he shd have to report the want of water, as it might occasion an alteration in the Admiralty sailing directions. I explained that it had not been known before, & probably you will, if necessary, be able to prevent any alteration being made – fortunately no Merchant vessels arrived during the scarcity. It is another instance of the Colonial resources being misapplied – if one tenth part of the money expended on the Government House had been applied to clearing the channel leading to the Reservoir & opening the Springs, instead of allowg them to saturate the surrounding Land it wd not have happened. The 1st Lieut Mr Fitzroy, being somewhat unwell has been living with me during the Ship's stay, & goes on Board tomorrow – in much better health.
3. I am obliged to send the Bills to Mr Hocquard to Cash, in the hope of having a good Cargo of Seals & Oil by the "Victoria" to pay for, which must be in Cash immediately on landing. I supplied the Ward room officers & the Gun Room

Messes on their making payment to Mr Hocquard, on receivg their quarter's pay. You may look forward to a fair shipment by the return of the Chartered Vessel. I have sent 3 extra hands to Darwin Harbour to expedite the Sheep shearing, & shall do all that is possible in the time.

4. On the 5th the Victoria arrived from Hope Place – I then had a new foresail made, sundry repairs done, Casks coopered, capable of containing sevl thousand galls of Oil, & various preparations for sealing, quite new to the Company as to the requisites, & in 10 days (the 15th) she sailed with a Crew (all told) of 14. Dean's small Schooner (Malvina) had come in a failure, & tho' he tried to stop some of the men joining the Victoria, I fortunately got a good Crew. Some of them owed him money & he threatened to stop them thro' the Court, but knew that, now, his former doings in that way wd not avail, & made no attempt – they were of course pursuing their ordinary calling & without intention of leaving the Island. I send a Copy of the Sealing agreement. The "Fairy" I believe made two short trips, round these Islands, formerly, but except those, this will be the first attempt by the Company. It is far from an easy thing to arrange; it is very disagreeable to a decent Master – he has no authority, as all are equal & they have a code of laws of their own & are very independent – they went for water into Sparrow Cove, & got so drunk for 3 days there that I feared the Schooner must come back, but it was overcome – they will be able to man 2 Boats & leave 2 men in charge of the Schooner & trying out the bib. The amount of Stores Salt &c taken by the Schooner was about £150, which they pay for – if I attempted to deduct this they wd be affronted, the whole $\frac{2}{3}$ ds must be paid over & they then always pay up & get into debt again. If this trip is fortunate in results, Mr Dean will find another of his "Monopolies" failing. McGarrell tells me he has never known the Coy supply the officer of the Ward & Gun rooms before.
5. I send a correspondence as to the right to choose the two remaining plots of Land under last years arrangement with the home Government & regret to be obliged to refer to it as another instance of the Governor's want of fair dealing & good faith. For some time before my appltn of the 6th Mr Longden had talked of taking a holiday in the North Camp, but any particular object was kept secret. At last the 7th was the day arranged to start – he Captn Packe & Petaluga. I found on the Mornng of the 6th that they were going to the 2nd Corral & that there was an arrangement in force in which Dean & the Governor had been equally in communication, for Petaluga to keep animals there & be able to kill for shipping & so carry out Dean's object of keeping Captns away from us. How far Captn Packe had to do with it I cannot get at – it is pretended that he wanted part for his Horses, but this I do not believe. I then, on the 6th, sent in the application of that date, & beg your particular attention to the correspondence which is so perfectly in accord with the misleading style in vogue here. You will find that my statements as to a verbal application having only been made (the Proclamation requires it in writing) – there having been no survey, (of course the Colonial Secretary's giving there is not one). The namely nominal letting to Captn Packe without occupation, & other facts are uncontradicted & could not be. Within an hour after my Letter of the 9th was delivered the Governor came down to Dean's (Longden was then absent) & was with him more than an hour. In the Evg Dean went to him alone, which he never does, & it is well known that it was on this Land business. Longden returned on the 12th & you will see how the Govr wrote in his absence & afterwards – it appears to me to be simply shuffling out of an admitted arrangement & I hope the Government at home will see him unfit & mischievous such a man is to be allowed to remain here. I send you a copy of

- Bonner's report. The arrival of the "Termagant" made it impossible for me to accompany him. I shall buy the two plots advertised at the auction, & trust the scruples by competition may be ordered to be returned. I shall feel very easy as to Camp opposition when this Land is secured to the Company. The effort to prevent our having it is from fear on the part of Dean & Packe & bad feeling & jealousy on the part of the Governor. I cannot find any one who knew of the liberty to occupy having been given to Captn Packe & the Governors verbal statements to me made me suppose quite the contrary.
6. On the 7th (the day after my Letter applying to purchase) Smyley dined alone with the Governor & subsequently also – this is the "consideration" which he said he wd give to the information of his stealing Cattle. And he asked this man also to meet Captn Hall & some officers at Dinner.
 7. It wd enlighten the Colonial Office if they wd apply for a statement of the outlay on the new Government House & the pulling to pieces the old one. The Govr told Captn Hall that he had no funds to do anything with.
 8. I sent you the corresponde as to Cary's wish to search for Coals. I obtained a place for his wife but have had great difficulty in keeping him as he says the Governor (insulted & humbugged" him, abt his being "chargeable" to the Colony. I wrote out a Letter, which he signed, to the effect that he wd not be chargeable and was ready to begin work, which he took to the Governor, but I have not heard the result.
 9. Smyley's Schooner arrived in Monte video on the 30th Aug the day before the Packet sailed, & he ought to have delivered the Mails to the Consul. I hear that he gave them on board the "Buzzard" then about to go to Rio! So he says, & I cannot get any direct statement from the Government – you ought to have had the Letters by her, with those per "Victoria" (the 1st August Mail) – I shd like to know whether Mails are allowed by the Govr to be carried by foreign Vessels, in reference to our Mail arrangements. I hope to hear you have been able to put them in a better footing – 5 times a year wd I think be enough & £150 per trip wd clear expenses, with freight, & give time (tho' little) for some use being made of the Vessel in the intervals. I thought it better to agree to take the one trip advertised for on the 1st Feb – but have no intimation whether it is accepted, or whether Smyley will try for it. I have reason to think it was advertised for at Dean's instance, to give Smyley an oppority to take his share of the wreck to the Mount & bring goods back. They know of course that the "Victoria" will be absent beyond the 1st Feb, & that I want the "Fairy" at Darwin Harbour & Hope Place. I shall do a good deal with the latter however at those places in Januy, & be ready by the 1st Feby.
 10. In March I propose having one or both Schooners employed for 6 weeks in putting about 1000 animals on the larger Islands in the South, to fatten for killing with some Cows for breeding. Then, to have 2 Men employed with a boat to obtain & bring them on Shore, by towing if possible & up here for killing – the same way with Seal Island, if we obtain it, & probably at the 2nd Corral, until Sheep are kept there. Every effort & trial must be made to get fat Beef. With the Land I have applied for on the two sides of Salvador & in the South, the Company will have pastures for 40,000 or 50,000 Sheep.
 11. Captn Packe has heard of the death of his Father & goes to England, via Monte Video, by the "Termagant". I have reason to know that he is not successful here. You are, of course, aware that the Company are greatly in his way & that he is the only opponent as to Cattle & Sheep they need fear – he has about 450 Sheep & upwards of 200 Lambs, I hear, this Season – he has lost 30 to 50 Sheep by

Wild Dogs, & the Lambs will no doubt suffer. The single Wild Dog at the Cantera has not yet been caught, the men have been watchg all night with Guns – he will eat nothg set for him. I hope to find a trap to catch him – he has not done any great mischief at present.

12. By the "Termagant" a Power of Atty came to Dean from Bowden to sell his property & it was offered in Lots on the 23rd inst – I bought the House & Land, & a separate one-room American House suitable for the Camp, for £259. I can let the House & Land for £35 or £40 per an: for a good boarding House which is much wanted & will be advantageous to the Company. Dean wanted to buy it & bid up to £245. Mr Havers also it is reported, for a store – he was present & George Dean looked at him when bidding – apparently for authority.
13. I shall give up my Bedroom to Mr & Mrs Bull⁶⁸, & take them into Malvina Cottage until they get settled. I have allowed Mr Pyne⁶⁹ the use for a time, of a spare room, to sleep in, with his own furniture, until some opportunity for his living with a family occurs, Mr Brooke has taken him to board with him. He was very poorly in October, never gettg his meals regularly, living alone in Mr Faulkner's late House witht a Servant; but I invited him to stay with me, & after about 6 weeks, he has got quite sound & has now left.

I am Sir

Your Obedt Servant
James Lane

George H Cripps Esq

No 39 1859

James Lane

Stanley. 26 Dec

Rec. 5 March

Awd. 8 March

⁶⁸ Charles BULL, Colonial Chaplain, & Louisa BULL arrived 29 December 1959 on board the "Fairy"

⁶⁹ William Rowland PYNE, Government Clerk, arrived 10 May 1858 on the "Victoria"

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