Per "Kate Sergeant" via Montevideo -
Merce. Pr. R. M. Dr. Magdalena

No 134

Stanley June 3d 1863
Recd. 3 Aug 63.
Ackd. 8 " " No. 284.

Sir,

The "Dana Ivan" arrived on the 25th ult, bringing only the Mail of the 8th March, not being allowed by the Govt here to await for that of the 8th Sept., tho' due within 5 days when she left Monte Video - Capn Phillips complains of the treatment of the Government, & leaves at once for the Plate & Rio Janeiro, to trade on his own account - I believe he will return in Sept., & bring 1000 Sheep for Dean from Rio Negro, in three trips betn that and the end of the year, at 2/6 - per head landed alive -

2 - The "Kate Serjant" is a Sandwich Islds Schooner of about 120 Tons, with Vessel & Cargo owned by a Honolulu House, but the Master is a Yankee - She came in here on the 2d March, stating the Master, West, stating that

her Keel was too deep, & that she wd not 'wear', altho he had brought her from the U.S. — nothing was done, but on the 8th April she sailed, as thé proceed? on her Voyage to Honolulu with Capt Smyley on board, who said he was only going to Sandy Point, & wd get back "somehow". — As expected, he returned in the Schooner on the 24th May, having been to Sandy Point (where he said several of the boys deserted) & did not return here until after calling at Beaver Island & New Island. — Since the Schooner's return, I have offered to let the Hulk for the discharge of the Cargo, a general one, so that they might look at the Keel, & put all right, if any thing is required, but it was declined by Capt Smyley & the Owners, stating that they wd go to Monte Video with the Schooner. She is a fine, well built, Vessel; & there is felt no doubt here but that it is intended to make away with her & the Cargo in some way for the benefit

of these two men – It is not to, now, to carry on these proceedings here, they know; but is it not be well to let the Sandwich Islds Consul in England know something of the facts, without its coming from the Company?

The Govt. sends the Mail by this Vessel bringing £75, & supplies us to bring back those of Capt Neff & Capt May, but by what Vessel he says he does not know yet! No other Mail arrangements are made –

(3) – The Plot of land licensed to McGarrell is No 20 in the enclosed tracing – There has two filets, on each side, not taken –

(4) – I send return of Sheep & Lambs rec.d since my last Letter – the loss in Lambs of 1861 was great, but not to be surprised at after such a Winter & Spring – the Weather continues very fine & open. – at this time last year we had had nearly 3 weeks frost & snow. – Capt Peche told me a few days ago that he had not more than 1000 in all – & that

Surpass that for four years previously, the losses equalled the Sums, – that the undertaking remained without increase – all thro' want of hands being engaged to land them –

(5 –) The Former says that a Mr Noah is the Chief projector of the proposed Docks, & is the person who has applied for a Grant of Land –

(6) I send reply as to land orders – two years may be long enough to expect them, but it wd be well to know ~~the~~ whether they are justified in demanding it. – if the Govt here are not obliged to take an order in payment for less than its full amount, leave the balce open, no doubt they may make such a concession, & it may pretty safely be allowed to rest –

(7 –) Be good enough to send PO Order, on act of Archibald Nelson, to Charles Nelson, the Hon Sr Thornhill Dumfriesshire for £2 – & on acct of John Casey, to Wm Bridget Casey, Clarra, Ballymahon, County Longford, Ireland for £10 –

£12 ac/c. 34.

(8) The "Victoria" is in Sparrow Cove buying out Oil & report having 1200 Barrels or thereabout, of Oil, but I do not know the quantity of the latter as no one further has yet come in -

(9) I send duplicate letter No 133 - Accounts by next Mail - Your despatch No 276 & enclosures was recd. per "Dd Swan" -

I am Sir
Your obed't Servant
James Lane

George A Cooper Esqre

(N.) I send Correspondence as to one of our Cows killed on Capt Packe's Land by one of his men, to shew, with reference to the recent correspondce with the Govt, that Guardian well do contrary to instructions - On Mr Simpson returning to Tilbury he found who killed it & that any statements or suppositions rather, were literally true - Capt Packe & the Swan's crew called & admitted it & offered to give up for prosecution - I do not prosecute however as there wd be difficulty as to proof & think it better

on other accounts not to do so - Previously to hearing from Mr Tuffen, Capt. Roche had said it was one of the Cogs people who had killed the Cows, he was sure, & he cd. just see his hand on the man, - he cd. "take his oath" that it was not his man, who was afterwards found to be the killer -

The "Times" not sent by Gilbert from 21st Feby to 8th March

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The above sent to Gilbert this reply stating must be the fault of the P.O. forwarded to Lane in No. 284.

No. 134.

1863.

James Lane

Stanley. 3 June

R. 3 Aug

A. 8 "

No. 135 Mr. Springbok' to London

Stanley Island 22d 1863
Recd. 9 Sep 63.
Ack. 12 " " No. 28 13.

Sir

I have for some time thought that a profitable barter traffic might be carried on with the Natives of Patagonia, but, without interfering with the Sealing business, there was no practicable mode of entering upon it - As I found Capt. Nickels would engage further South, than usual, on his leaving Stanley in the "Fairy" on Feby last, I shipped in her some Stores for sale at Sandy Point, & some for exchange with the Natives, as a Trial, if opportunely offered - The "Fairy" returned on the 7th instant & it will be seen that the experiment has turned out favorably, & promises well for the future, in the hands of Capt. Nickels - His history is this - He is an American (N.S.), but now wishes to be naturalized here. - he was Master & Owner of a large Vessel engaged in the Guano trade on the Coast - was wrecked, & lost all he had; his Vessel & Boy being cast ashore, & with himself, landed amongst the Natives while a Vessel appeared & took the former home - He remained with

his boy, gathering & preparing guano & determined not to return to the US in a lower position than he had left it. Further misfortunes overtook him, however; he lost his guano by robbery of a vessel in which it was taken, & then came here, with his boy, once sent home, &, tho' a skilful navigator, & very intelligent, worked for a time at whatever he could find to do. After watching him some time, I offered him the "Perseverance", in which to go sealing - he said it was what he had wished, but having spoken to Capn about his schooner, "Galveston", & being told, in answer, that "he wd. give away with it", he had given up. I told him that if he did well with the "Perseverance", & in opening wd. offer, he wd afterwards have the "Percy", which subsequently happened, & he has shown great zeal & gratitude since. He offers to do anything I want, except sealing, which he says he cannot undertake - that "it is not in human nature" to bear the lonelyness of the sealers, & he knows he shall kill some of them, & be hanged,

if he went with them again –

(2) In regard to the second Cruize. – the result of it appears in the Account hereunto – The Guineaco Mantles were obtained from the Natives at a cost, in Stores, at selling prices here, of 9s/4d for each Mantle, & they have realized by Auction £2.5.0 each, on an average of 42 sold –

The Goods for sale at Sandy Point, were (as well as those for exchange) invoiced at our selling prices; lower than which he was not to sell; but all surplus profit, beyond those prices, was to be shared in the same proportions as Skins & oil –
At the invoiced prices, the Goods disposed of amounted to £195.10.4 –

In return for which Capn Nickels brought back,

	£. s. d
In Cash	255.2.7
In Skins &c which realized by Auction, net	111.11.0
	£ 366.13.11

Thus leaving a profit, by this portion only of the adventure, of £171.3.3 –

The "Fairy" also brought Seal Skins & Oil, which I bought at the prices named, fixed before the Voyage; but not the Fur Seals, which I stipulated in the agreement should be sold by Auction, nothing of their uncertain reputed Value —

These Fur Seals ~~sold~~ (66 full Skins & 14 Pups) were bought at Auction by Dean for 15/- each, realizing £66, which is not included in the £117. 11. 0 —

Captain Nickels also claimed from Capt. Dundas, of the "Rose Yama", Bills for £100, for saving several lives, & pilotting his Vessel in the Straits, as will be seen by his Letter to me, of which Copy is enclosed. a/c. 26.

I have written, perhaps, too lengthily on the above, but it is important, in reference to the future, to make it clearly apprehended.

3 — I regret the discontinuance of the Fishery's Sealing Cruizes, altho' I am not sanguine that, with so many Vessels on the Coast, it wd be long remunerative, as the Seals are likely to leave, after being so often disturbed

I had, however, determined not to send any Vessel to the Coast sealing, during the Winter Months, but intended to send both Schooners (Fancy & Victoria) to Elephant Cays, South California Islands, to get Penguin Oil. The season for which is the next 3 months, when the Penguins are fat. Capt. N however begged not to be asked to go.

(4) After fully considering that ed., under such circumstances, be profitably done, I have arranged that Capt. N shall ship a Crew, under Articles, & take the "Fancy" to Santa Cruz & Sandy Point, & back = taking a few suitable Stores to exchange, at the former place, with the Natives, & then to Sandy Point to cut & bring a Cargo of fencing wood, much wanted here; & by the exchange to go far towards paying the expenses of the trip, if he meets with the Natives. = But a main object will be to arrange a future traffic with them. —

(5) If the result appears favorable, I shd then propose to send the Schooner to Santa Cruz, (a safe Harbour) with a supply of the particular Stores suitable, & barter them with the Natives. They have no Boats, or Canoes, & Capt. N considers himself quite safe with them, & says they are

more civilized than Seales - they are quite a different & far superior race to those of Tierra del Fuego -

Capt. Hickels wd be, as it were, on the spot, & wd hear of any wreck; & when returning to Stanley, might fill up with Guano - the Natives might also tell him of any new Seal rookeries. - but, independently of these chances, he wd have to return to Stanley with produce, & for provisions &c & fresh instructions, from time to time -

(6) - As to his remuneration - After deducting all expenses of wages & provisions & stores at selling prices, I propose to give him a share of what the things which he brings here are finally worth here, leaving a margin, in purchasing, for a profit to the Company on sales in London -

(7) - The produce to be obtained in exchange, wd be the following -

1 - Otter Skins - of which there are said to be many.
2 - Guanaco Mantles - Abundant
3 Lion & Fox { Sold at 4/6 } Ditto
4 Ventria - Do.

Sold 1st Year fetched from 9 to 1/6

5 - Cattle Hides - The beasts are described as of great size at Sandy Point -
6 - Horse Hides - Hair &c -- Abundant -
7 Ostrich feathers - Ditto
8 - Guanaco (Llama) } Wool - Ditto

8 - To enable the above to be carried out it is essential that I shd be fully informed of the selling values in Europe of each of the following

1 Guanaco (Llama) } Mantles (similar to some I have sent, perhaps not quite so large)
2 Do Wool of Do - Sample now sent in Box for "Springbok" but it will be better & less dirty than the sample was & the clotted parts have been picked out, but generally it will be as free as the sample sent & not broken -
3 Lion & Fox skins (samples sent)
4 Fox Mantle - made up of many, like the Guanaco
5 - Guano - as now shipped in the "Springbok"
6 - Ostrich Feathers - also shipped for Do & specimen sent also.

My question last year as to the value of Ostrich feathers has been overlooked - A CWL

has been sent me to purchase by a Man in the employment of the Mexy Coy at Santa Cruz, which he gathered in a few days, but unless by the coming Mail I hear the price they bring, they will go to Ocean, which has a bad effect - What he is said to give varies so much (4/6 to 7/- ℔) that I cannot rely upon reports -

As regards the value of Otter Skins, I have given reply, but further information is needful - On looking to price currents I observe a vast difference, in value, of "Otter" & "Sea Otter" Skins - the former varying from 17/ to 40/ ℔ - & the latter from £14 to £30 each - I find, in the Encyclopedia, that the common Otter ("Lutra Brasiliensis of South America") also takes to Sea Water, & sometimes goes a mile out after fish - but that it is not to be confounded with the Sea Otter. - And it states, that "the Sea Otter is a native of the North West Coast of America, from California to 60 North Lat" - It is probable, therefore,

that they may be found in the same Dist. South. — 3 feet long £20. [Boston Dana]

[California] I sent one Skin for "Matilda" — the only one, of two, I believe seen here. This will allow of the value of that kind to be communicated, but I have some idea that the hair had been picked out of that Skin, & the fur only left. What I want is a full & clear description of the different Otters of different values, as to their colours & appearance in a natural state. & how the Sea Otter is distinguishable from the Common Otter in that state.—

(9.) Be good enough not to lose a Mail in giving me the foregoing information as to the foregoing, & as soon as possible, of the selling prices of each of the various kinds of produce as "Matilda" & as "Springbok" — It is be well worth while, even, to pay for getting the latter in detail. — the aggregate proceeds of each kind does not give the guide I frequently require. I have not yet received any detail of the prices realized

by the sale of the 1500 & odd Fur Seal Skins shipped per "Hamon", except as to 523 of them. Nor as to Dean's, which were withdrawn but afterwards sold.—

Obstacles may, of course, arise to the carrying out what is proposed — If successful, we shd soon not be alone engaged in it, but few men will be found having confidence in, & that of, the Natives; like Cash Nickels; & what can be accomplished, I believe he will effect.—

I am Sir
Your Obt Servt
James Lane

George H Cephs Esqre

No. 175.

1863.

James Lane
Stanley. 22 June
R. 9 Sep
A. 12 "

Per "Springbok" to London.

No. 136

Stanley Sunc 30th 1863
Recd. 9 Sep 63.
Ackd. 12 " " No. 286.

Sir,

I write in anticipation of the Mail per "Springbok", which Vessel will probably leave in a week or 10 days, with a full Cargo.

(2) The Weather upto this time, half thro' the Winter, has been everything which could be desired

(3.) I have written a separate Letter (135) on a subject I have for some time had under consideration, viz. barter with the Natives of Patagonia –

I send the Accounts of the recent Cruizes of the "Fancy" & "Victoria", which gives the following as the shares of those Vessels

	£	s.	d.
Fancy's 1/3d ~~as~~ ———	280	0	11
Victoria's Do ———	113	1	8
	£393	2	7

The "Fancy" leaves to day for Santa Cruz with Goods for ~~better~~ barter & some for Sandy Point, & to bring back fencing wood from the Islands which the Crew cut – The "Victoria" also sails

to morrow for the "Elephant Cays" Islands belonging to the Company, with the Pack fitted up complete, to get Penguin Oil, the fat season being the next 2 Months. - I look for a large quantity & I think of running down there in the "Perseverance" to inspect the Islands, & see that other Schooners are not there; as the Sealers, in our Schooner even, wd not, altho' particularly required to turn off any trespassers, inform agt. their fellows - I hear also such accounts, of the multitude of Penguins, & their value & the Comfy, that I must try & get there to see for myself.

Dean has Penguin Oil amongst his Cargo, & I shd know the price it realizes as soon as possible - our's ought to be better, after what I have impressed upon the Shon - Dean gave 2/3 a Gallon, - I have fixed the price at 2/- beforehand - Captain Nickels was engaged some time on the Patn Coast with Havre Vessels obtaining Penguin Oil & he says that the Masters always told him that at Havre it was more valuable than Seal Oil, at that time -

Messrs Sergeant & Co of Havre were, he says, the Consignees of the Cargos & cd inform you of the value -

4 - I have ~~of the letter (1127 lbs) being the Keppel~~ in Hides.
Vel & Wool - ~~of the letter (1127 lbs) being the Keppel~~
Blood Clip of last Season at 7d per lb & the Coy
are to have the Clip of next January at the
same price - I have asked for the number of
Sheep producing the Wool to be sent - the Ewes are
South Ants & with Capt Pache's Southdown Rams -

Capt Pache's Wool of last Season goes, on
freight, by the "Springbok" & he also -

I send a Statement of the Weights of the
Sheep killed here in May - it will be seen
that the 40 average 80 in weight -

5 - Unless the force is increased, only
about 10 Soldiers with Ewes & Children
will be required to be sent out.

If the Coy engage to do this, or there
shd be any other opportunity direct, please
to send out As per list enclosed -

6 - My Cash balance at this time exceeds
£2000 - the Penguin bill will take a good deal,
& something may occur requiring its profitable
use - I might spare £500 but the Govt will not
give Bills now at par, & they are expending £3000
in specie. -

(7) The portion of the Stone Building from the Gateway Westward, built I believe by Mr Harris, has been some time in a dangerous state, the Walls cracking, & in high winds so shaking that men have hastily got out of it & I have been warned of the consequences of any injuries sustained - Two years ago I had one wall shored up & before I came here two iron braces had been carried thro' the Building to sustain it - It was therefore absolutely necessary to take down & rebuild it, which has been commenced. The old wood & Stone will be used, so the same dimensions will be adhered to with that exception.

The Archway was a nuisance & a danger, Sailors left on shore at night have been found drunk & sleeping under it with a fire burning - I shall therefore do away with this & add it to the enclosed Store, & as we are already much cramped for room. The building will be carried on about 20 feet, & there will be a communication made thro' the whole range, except the Liquor Store at the West end, which will be divided off by a Stone Wall across & access to it only given by one door in front - Behind there will be no entrance to any part of the Buildings

The Mason says the Building was 5 feet on made Ground, without sunken foundations & that if the iron-braces had given way the Stone wd have fallen in –

I shall push Mason as fast as the Weather will permit, to be ready for the much wanted Cargo – I have also made an addition of a small Room next the Office as a "Captain's Room" – they have no place on Shore even to sit down & all complain much of it when they have to remain looking after work or men – it will keep them about the Store also & the trifling Cost will be soon remunerative –

(8) – The Captain of the "Atlantic" has discharged 713 Tons of Coals on Dean's Land opposite the Town Jetty – his further Expenses here amount to £315 – our further Account has been paid in Cash, Dean admitting that £ for Surveys & other Expenses, included those of landing the Coals, making altogether the £315 – Dean exacted 20 per Cent per an on this payment + £3 per Month for the use of his land – By the beginning of next year therefore there will be due to him for principal, Int. + Rent say £380 – for which he has obtd. from Captn Dentmore an agreement for a lien on the Coals, which are not to be sold for 12 Months – The actual Cost of landing the Coals

alone was only 5/6 a Ton, the remainder being made up of Salvage, provisions &c.

The Owners of the Ship are Messrs R Morse & Son, Bath, Maine, U.S. – The Charterers of the Ship & Owners of the Coals are The Pacific Mail Steam Navigation Co (Panama & S. Francisco) whose head quarters are in New York – Whether the Coals landed will belong to them, or to the Underwriters as abandoned, remains to be seen, but Capt. Dinsmore does not think it probable that either of them will trouble themselves about re shipping them from this place as the cost on board was only about 16/ a Ton.

I beg to refer you to Captain Dundas's letter to me as to the Coals (American Stone Coal also by "Isabella") of which he took about 100 Tons from Singlay – those of "Atlantic" are lighter & of superior quality to those which Capt. Dundas "strongly recommended" – and are also much lighter –

The kind of Coal by itself is not suitable for the furnaces of English Steamers, their construction being different from the American but they were tried in my presence by the

Engineer of one of our men of War & he said he cd will burn half or two thirds with South Wales to make up - they are all in lumps & shiny - I have told Capt Dinsmore that I will mention all the above facts to you & that if the Dutchers are inclined to purchase you will communicate directly with the parties interested - Capt Dundas paid 40/ a Ton & the Spanish Delegates the same sum for about the same quantity which they took to make up - I think if they cd be had for 12/6 a Ton they wd be worth the Coz & buying - adding 5/ a Ton for removal wd still leave a large profit even at to sell at 30/- instd of 40/- If you offer 12/6 a Ton, I shd pay out of it Dean's lien & the balance might be offered to be remitted free of Charge to those interested - Dean's (original) agreement & all necessary authorities shd in such case be sent to me - I have offered to be of any service to Capt Dinsmore & he only went to Dean reluctantly & because I did not feel justified in furr advances -

The Captn sailed to day for New York with the remn^t of the Coals on board as ballast.

(9) - Be good enough to remit (less expenses) ac/c. 30/-

£20 to Wm George W Nickels, Rockton, Maine, US, from Captn G W Nickels -

(10) - Early yesterday morn^g the "Tilton" belonging to Captn Smyley came in - she had been unsuccessful on the Coast of Patg^n in sealing, but fell in with the Iron Ship "Respegadera", wrecked on the Beach - ~~the~~ Smyley was now in the "Kate Sergeant" at Monte Video, & the "Tilton" (US Flag) coming in with a full Cargo of the Wrecked Goods, Mr Dean, as Lloyds Agent, was of course the person to interfere, but he, as a friend of Smyley, always held the US Commercial Agents Official Seal & authy in the absence of the ~~former~~ - I hear the Crew claim the Goods as their own, but I will learn further particulars & send on a separate paper - Messrs Hargroves Ferguson & Co of Liverpool are the Owners -

(11) Be good enough to send by post the "Merchant Shipping Amendment Act of 1862" & The Vice Admiralty Courts Acts (Colonies) of 1863

If the Govt would name the appointment for them (Local Manager, of "Receiver of Wreck", it wd give them in some cases much pecuniary advantage, in defence of Cargo & Minutiae -

July 1 - Smyley returned yesterday with the Wrecks in the "Kate Sergeant"; the Cargo of which was sold at Monte Video but a considerable quantity, supposed to be part of it, was landed at Smyley's house in a stay of only 4 days - a New Register obtained from the U.S. Consul there to Captn Smyley as owner; & the younger Captain was left at Monte Video to go home to the U.S. - It is nothing short of piracy & such things do more harm to the Falklands than ever as supposed - A US Barque "The Frances Palmer" is now here, the Captn holding a power of Attorney to charge a Schooner which with the Cargo, the Captn of her, sold in a

similar manner -

I send a Statement which, I think, is substantially correct, as to the "Rosseigh Bera" - wd it not be wise to communicate it to Hizzr & the owners.

Two more barefaced cases of robbery cd hardly be found -

I am Sir
Your obd Servant
James Lane

George H Cossins Esqre

PS. - Several half acre plots of ground were put up by the Govt to auction there recently - & being directly opposite the Cos Land (Vegetable ground) behind Malvina Cottage & in the centre of Stanley I purchased two plots - see sketch sent - I have Land orders for £600.0.0

The Six Plots on Chiesseal Island I obtained at £64 each wd amt to } 384.0.0
(payable in 5 years after leased)
The two plots above mentd purchd for — 185.0.0 569.0.0

£31.0.0

Which wd still leave the balance available for future purchs.

If the Schedule to the usual land & proclamation of 30 Sep 1852 as with the Incorp. Corpn. & cd be allowed & be copied, it wd be useful - I mean only the Sched. of what rural (not Town or Suburban) lands were offered by auction - you will remember that the Govt here pretend that it cannot be found -

No. 136. 1863.

James Lane

Stanley. 30 June

R. 9 Sep

A. 12 "

No 137 - Per "Springbok" to London

Sir,

Stanley July 2d 1863
Recd 9 Sep 63.
Ack. 12 " " No. 286.

The "Kate Sergeant" Capt. Smyley, arrived with the English Mails of April & May on the 30th ult, bringing your Despatches 277 & 278 & enclosures to which I now reply -

No 277 - clause 1 - Mails may be sent by a man of war, or chance Vessel, at any time from Ascite Vedas, & then a Packet from hence wd be deferred perhaps - it is better not to wait for what may be supposed to be the regular Packets date.

2 - The land orders will of course be issued, but it is just as well to keep them until all the plots are obtained (if not taken by others) the Proclamation giving 5 years, after leasing, to pay for the freehold part -

5 - Every possible attention is given to the dipping of the Sheep, under the Camp Manager's own eye, in well rubbing in & otherwise - If the new remedies referred to are effectual here, all well - but I confess to little faith in the experience of other places bs applicable to this Island; or to the wisdom of trying such remedies as agt. the watching & trying in the past 3 years of all the remedies used here, to find out those most suitable - this is the opinion of the Camp Manager & the most intelligent Shepherds -

c-10 - If the 3/- first added to the 60/- for the Coals for the Tynemouth, had been kept to it would have been right, but you will recollect that it was afterwards reduced in London to ~~[illegible]~~ 60/- - As to "Stanley price of Coal" I vary it according to Beam's supply or other circumstances keeping as near 60/ as possible to men of war who find all labour - Contracts at 63/ including labour will always be safe - but subject to the Capital taking Coals afterwards with hand, if expedition is desired -

c 13 - Mr W Dale's programme as to when Sheep shearing ought to be completed is a very safe one & with the few comparatively stock the Co has then had, was perhaps practicable; but it is quite another matter with a large number. - all is done now which is practicable here - ~~It is at~~ The time of castrating, shearing &c, has frequently been given, in separate statements & Letters, to the Directors. - The following is the plan pursued -

The Rams are now put to the Ewes on 10th May - formerly it was a fortnight later - the object kept in view is to get the Lambing time as early as possible & yet not so early as to see the consequences of a severe Spring when they are lambed - I believe we are as near to the risk of the latter as is prudent say: the middle of Oct - the sooner the Lambs Season

is over.—(now, say from the middle to the end of Oct.) & the Lambs are strong enough to be drawn to the "Boca" Sheep Enclosures & Buildings they are taken there, with the Ewes, to have the Ram Lambs castrated & docked & the general shearing commences, & the Sheep are also docked—

It must be remembered that in this Island these operations must be done principally under cover, & that there are none such as the outstations—that the Sheep & Lambs have therefore to be drawn from all parts to the Boca & there is also there the advantage of the Camp Manager seeing & directing all operations—

In a wet season the shearing is sometimes at a standstill for 2 or 3 days at a time, as there is no covered place where any number can be placed & the fleeces get wet—if there was cover, then the difficulty of food arises—now they are turned out as necessary to feed near around—The No of hands (& many of those obliged to be taken almost indeed) has never yet been sufficient, but with the large probable annual increase now, I am not certain with any exertion, that the completion of shearing can be expected sooner than the middle of March with yet additional hands—

c - 15 - That I may have said of the feeling of any parties towards the Company at one time, may be wholly incorrect a very short time after. - There is a rumour of Mr Bailey having been promoted to another Colony - this wd be an advantage which every body wd consider a personal one - As regard the Coy I hope the time is past when much heed need be taken to officials' doings & their aspects, to please a Govt by inventing stories about, & encouraging revolts of the Coy, & so getting recommendations & showing their vigilance in home Reports - The fact that every man in this place knowing that it was a settled policy with the late Govt to annoy & obstruct the Company, has made it very annoying to find that the Lady of State shd have been so deceived as he has been; & the public impression made upon them that the Coy disregarded the law & opposed the Govt, tho' thoroughly false, has had its effect -

c 17 - A chart addressed to such Capts of a Ship advertized or known to be sailing round the Horn (the Australian & N Zealand Ships so return) as I have often mentd wd be of far greater use than any gent. wide distribution of these

c 18 - I return the one of each of the three

forms of returns with notes & suggestions written fold, before being printed & sent out - Wd it not be well to have ~~printed~~ forms of Sales of Beef Mutton &c in the form last sent (shewing two years side by side) also printed?

c 19 - The Camp Manager had received directions to kill off Horses, ~~&c~~ & book down for fat, whenever the men cd be set to work at it consistently with other things not being neglected.

c 21 - I send a full statement as to the Powder & Shannon & Bluffs, & the claim for £402 - & I hope it will be a good answer to it -

c 23 - With any future Emigrants the Agent. with the Emigrn Commrs shd not be mentioned, or it may give rise to new difficulty & reference to the Commrs -

c 24 - It is not likely that 6 Bottles of Sherry were only delivd (2 dfs BS charged & 1/2 doz sd not have been recd) - we find great difficulty with a Ship, ~~[illegible]~~ only 2 or 3 days in gettg rects for deliveries - a trifling affront of the Storekeeper in such things to a Petty Officer, wd send him, perhaps Colonies to a Mess, to Deans, & the hurry & bustle of Officers, Stewards, & men, flocking about the Store, & such Stewards want Pies & Mess attended to, renders checks very difficult - I

know the indication of the petty officers & men to get hold of spirits in Wine & have always impressed caution upon McGuinell & as far as respects he has attended to it - I believe that you have paid back, was delivered on board or rather to the Steward or Man in charge of the boat

c 25 - In consequence of your previous letter as to the Value of Penguin Skins & Down had purchased some 2000 & wanting more, & at 2d. each, - I had agreed to take 5000 of the "Victoria" at that price -

c 30 - I note as to Bitterny - the owners of the "Witch of the Reign" have no cause for complaint but the contrary - our prices of stores &c are fixed once for all - if any alteration is afterwards made, it is in reduction, but this seldom & under particular circumstances.

Letter No: 270

Clause 2 - I do not believe that Mr Rochlock received any such advices "from Stanley" direct - If he corresponds with Mr Davis he may expect to be deceived as he is, most grossly - I wish he wd come here, or put any statements in a tangible form for reply -

C. 5 - I must not be held responsible for the proper working or success of the Company here, if, with such large remittances, in money & produce, as have been made in the last 12 Months, only "a portion" of the Stores required are sent - I have made various promises & arrangements relying on assurances that, in such case, the Stores required wd be sent - If the regulations as to Stores, & the time of their arrival, are disregarded, the interest of the Employés here in the City will doing, which I have been so careful in encouraging, will give way to former apathy; & the consequences will be soon felt - such matters cannot be fairly or reasonably regulated in London -

If the Directors insist on the home Cargo being sent immediately after Shearing it will of course be done; but it only creates remarks of ridicule here to receive a large & load of one at the approach of winter, at double expense, & when two days work when practicable wd be little more than one in longer days & a better Season - Mr Dean is

greatly annoyed with her son for having delayed the Cargo so long & but for extraordinarily favorable weather (without had to go to Darien Harbour) the Vessel wd not have been loaded much under 60 days - The Admiral & Sec are now in the Flag Ship & Tender, & if we have not enough of anything, they may enquire about, on first arrival (as is the custom) the Slave business, almost, may go to Dean, & then the almost monopoly of the supplies to the Men of War, which we have established, will vanish, & the Storekeeper & others just do their duty quietly without zeal or exertion, which now they do not spare -

This want of Stores has been the mistake made by the Coy from the commencement -

c 6 - With regard to the Dancers " oft expressed "wish to obtain freehold & long leasehold tenures "of the Lands upon Charsenal Sound", it must be taken in close connection with the reiterated & urgent desire to remit every shilling possible, & to make no outlay which cd be avoided. - to comply with this, & at the same time, to lay out sums al

hundred pounds in Land, was incompatible — & I have frequently expected (without being required to ~~do~~ buy, or had the means supplied) why I delayed the purchasing them — During these periods, I was seeking being without cash for current expenditure, many times, in order to make remittances. — It will also be recollected that no one dreamt of the long established mode of buying Land by the highest bidder, being suddenly put an end to by the Proclam.n of 1861 — As to the "Land order jumping" of a portion in purchasing the tract from Swan Inlet westward, If they are of no present use whatever, the proclamation giving five years, after a lease granted, to pay; which, with the holding for 12 months on licence, gives six years. The letter of Mr Pye is sufficient in terms, but it is only one, & of course, of no avail to secure 4 Tracts, & as the Coy have not temporarily alienated the 2 Plots, as I suggested, the matter can only rest, leaving it open to others to obtain those tracts, & so interverse. See Par 5 of my Letter No 123 —

C-10- Mr Turpen may be able to do better than Capt Packe - I do not think his concern likely to be given up at present, after such an outlay - he is however hard pressed by the unpaired condition of the Cattle Beef-

All Mr Dennis do will not make Capt Monach of the Springbok take Capt Pd's Bull, he breed it & said ours was better - The Capt of the "Vincedora" did the same -

C 13 - On the 1st July 1862 I lowered the price of Mutton to 5d 1/2 per lb to see the effect - The sales have increased, but I do not think on that account, & I raised it again to 6d on the 1st inst. as 1/2d per lb on a sheep of 40 lbs comes to a considerable sum ~~at~~ while so many killed

C 14 - The blasting Powder will meet with no sale here or in the Plata - it will be sent by any opportunity to Valparaiso

PS - I have not seen the Seeds &c - it is not stated to whom they were addressed or where - The working Enclosures I feel sure I enclosed - & shd think, if the Packet

seal, came unfastened, that they must have been lost or mislaid after opening it.

I am Sir
Your obedt Servt
James Lane

George H Griffiths Esq

No. 137.

1863.

James Lane

Stanley. 2 July

K. 9 Sep

A. 12 "

Ex. Springbok to London.

No. 130

Stanley July 6th 1863
Recd. 9 Sep 63.
Ackd. 12 " " No. 286.

Sir,

As the Mail closes to morrow I add a line on one or two matters not referred to in my other Letters -

(2) I have Manned the Troops contract for this half year for the following,

7000 lbs Flour at 42/ per Bl.
300 lbs Tea — 2/ lb
1000 lbs Ground Coffee 1/2 lb
50 Gall.s Rum (reduced) 4/6 Gall.

Sold not for bagatelle persons under for Bd. this half year

(3) I send Journal Acct & Copy Cash Book from Feb to May inclusive - also the Ships Log

(3 a) Since the date of my Letter 137 Capt. Packe has sold to James the Publican Capt. ~~Paul~~ Sullivan's half acre of land betn Capt. Smyley's House & the land adjoind the Cogs Store for £100 - He intends to build a Public House upon it & let the two lots for which he now has a licence - it is advantageous rather than otherwise for the Cogs Store

(4) - On the 4th. a sale realized betn £300 & £400 of part of the wrecked goods brought

by the Tilton (of Respondents) was held by Auction on Dean's premises - George Dean Esq Auctioneer, his father, Lloyds Agent, bidder on his own acct. for a large portion - The Sealers are to have by Deans arrangement 75 per cent! 50 per cent being the maximum of the Court of Admiralty - it is really confiscating the goods. as far as the Underwriters are concerned, as Dean's American Commission & charges & the Government Duty, he will go far to take the demand 25 per cent - It is worked in this way - The "Tilton" on her sealing Cruize was in charge of - Warren an American - he, really, tho' the license is in another man's name, has purchased the business & found all capital, for Dean's Public House the Stanley Arms - Dean ~~fit~~ provisions the Schooner & buys the Cargo on its arrival (I refer to sealing) - The Sealers if offended wd come to me to purchase, & Dean wd perhaps lose their Cargos for the future - hence he is anxious to keep in with

them, & to allow such an exorbitant salvage
— He ought to have had the Goods stored
for a Month or so before selling, to see
whether the Captn. of the Rosegadera came
with a Vessel into Stock to transship them
for their destination, knowing that he had
gone to Monte Video — but then the
Commissn & profitable purchases wd have
been missed

(5 —) I send a Letter I have addressed
to the Governor as to the "Kate Sergeant"
— Surely something can be done to put a
stop to such barefaced robbery — It will
be labour lost otherwise for any one to
trouble themselves about the Shipping
of the Port, or check the City so much
depended, & without such the settlement
wd be nothing — Gents & Government Officials
prefer to let things alone, knowing it is
safer than to trouble the Colonial Office —
— It is a safer course to shew their zeal
& watchfulness in reference to the City —

(6) I do not know whether the Board pay any attention to what is stated to be intimated by Mr Hackblock, without giving his authority, but since writing my previous letters I have casually heard that Mr Jenge Deane's father, Mr Wotton, has been for many years, Cashier or Accountant in Williams Deacon & Co's Bank, & it is also said that he is a Director in the City Bank - This may be more correctly probably, that he is in a City Bank - The only person are they who such misrepresentations can be made to Mr Deane or his son, & I mention the above not knowing whether Mr Hackblock is in communication with Mr Wotton or not -

(7) Mr Goodlake has written here that the Colonial Office want him to return, & intimating that he may do so - it would be a sad thing for the Coy & the Colony, but I did not after Mr Pyne's appointment, be at all surprised. - My suggestion as to a Magistrate in a former letter was misapprehended - I did not

mean that the City shd recommend or in any way influence admit it, I think it wd have a contrary result, but I thought some of the Directors might know of a Barrister to whom they might entrust the vacancy with success.

The Commission constituting the Vice Admiralty Court was somewhere since returned, to have it a new Stipendiary Magistrate's name inserted in the place of Sir Gordon Drake's & has not been returned – The "Rock of Wreck" will no doubt be appointed at the same time –

I am Sir
Your Obedt Servant
Frances Duncan

George H Cooper Esq

PS. Be good enough to honor Draft at 30 days sight in favor of The Revd Francis Horsburgh on my account

£50 a/c. 26.

No. 138. 1863.

James Lane

Stanley. 6 July

R. 9 Sep

A. 12 "

Per "Mont Alcide" to M. Video thence Br. R. Mail Pkt.

No. 139

Stanley August 8th 1863

Sir,

Rec.d 5 Oct 63.
Ack.d 6 " " No. 287.

The "Alcide" arrived on the 3rd inst with the Nos. 279, 280 Mail from England, Specie for the Gov.t & Mr Byng. Government Clerk. – She also brings intelligence of the appointment of Mr Griffith as Stipendiary Magistrate, at the instance, as he states, of Mr Goodlake

2 – The "Alcide" required no Coals & but few Stores, had so lately arrived from England – We have supplied her fresh Provisions & Vegetables & some Stores to the Officers – After some days supply of Beef the Capt. went on board, from the Gov.t House where he has stayed, & told the Paymaster that the Gov.t had told him that Capt. Packe's Beef was superior – The Paym.r said that the Contract was good & that there was no complaint of it – the object of the Gov.r was to help Packe for the "Sea Stock" which is

in this case equal in quantity to what they take ~~two~~ during their stay - Captn Blake however, wanted some shooting & I sent the "Perseverance" with him & some of the Officers & Pat Lowes, & an order came for the "Sea Stock" also - The same course would take place with the "Stromboli" - the trouble of the daily supply (which Captn B. did not deliver) is great, but it is easy to draw for 6 or 8 bullocks which the ship takes on board just before leaving. & for such a temporary term is charged - The Pursr. of the "Alecto", as those of other ships have done, assures me that either a contract may be made with the Admiralty for the supply of Beef here, or some letter planned to produce in the subject - any terms of recommendation, or sanction wd suffice - It wd pay to reduce the price from 5^d to 2^d 1/2 per lb as an inducement, & the Admiralty wd find on reference that they have always 5^d here

– it is not only as regards Beef that this is unfortunate, as the Stewards & Officers naturally go where the Boats go and there purchase & send off Stores – Capt Pacha sends his Beef to Dean's Store to be sent on board & the latter does his utmost to recommend it, & I have little doubt has an allowance made him – I have no difficulty in convincing the Officers, when uninfluenced in the way described, with the Company but the Capt naturally acts with the Gov.t recommendation or hints –

(3) I send further correspondence as to Sengley's piratical proceedings, showing the "hers not to do it" system of the Government, – the Colony might be as well without one –

(4) The "Leander" is daily expected from England – I hope the "Chowdean" & "Sergeant Grenfell" meant in your Letter (duplicate) No. 279 & original 280 may one of them

arrive in time – the Steamer will, I fear, not be here until some time in Septr. –

(5.) I send copy of my Letter to the Governor in reference to a case of cruelty as to a report of the receiving of stolen on these Islands, hardly I did think to be paralleled.

(6.) The net total of the Schooner Tilly's first Cargo's sales the Wreck goods ex Respigadera as said have realized since £800 – a second cargo has since been brought here, consisting of 300 Barrels (say 1200 dozen) of Tennents Ale & gal goods I bought, Dean talks about the same) 110 Barrels at about 5/- a day on the average – I believe nearly all the Cargo will be saved & thus sacrificed –

(7) Charles Kingsford has been in the Coy's employment in the Camp lately case of a Rodeo of Cattle – he is of a respectable Kent family – is married & capable of anything but is addicted to drink when in Stanley – I hear that his father had requested for him

some time ago, & suggested to him to go home, but he seemed disinclined

(8) The "Recognition Schrader" did not have probably cost half £400 when here -

(9) From previous replies to enquiries as to Penguin Skins, I had agreed to take 5000 from the "Victoria" at 2d each -

(10) The Weather has been generally favorable & may be considered now to be nearly passed -

(10a) I found the reports as to Penguins on the "Elephant Cays" correct, but that the dealers were too early & had to wait - Knowing their movements, & haunts, I anch.d a day or two in Ruggles Bay & found one Vessel there & two others came the same day - Their object was to kill the Company's Cattle & it being frustrated they at once applied to me for 10 Animals for which of course they pay -

At Bull Point Reed saw another Schooner with 4 quarters of Beef in the Rigging which was killed betw Chiswell Sound & Bull Cove -

(11) By the next mail the same accounts & vouchers &c for the year should be sent. Only one merchant vessel has come in since I last wrote & only for Water & Beef. - The "Bertha" from Rio with Yerba for the Pacific Port -

I am Sir
Your obt Servant
James Lane

George H Cropper Esq

Inclosures

Shamma & Ouffa - duplicate statement ✓
Duplicates Letters 1 3 5 - 6 7 - 8 ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓
~~Aug 7th 1866 - Copy letter to the Govr - & copy reply of July 24th & of ans.~~
Aug 24th - Copy letter from Gov & of ans. of Aug 7th (Bristow) ✓ ✓
✓ 2d Lieut Capt. Symes for £100
Aug 5th - Copy letter to Governor (Barque Frances Palmer)

P.S. I have just heard, indirectly, that the Mail by the Alecto brought dispatches to the Governor from the Colonial Foreign Office as to the supposed hidden treasure.

Sol. Jacobs Esq. Gr. of Vancouver Isld (I believe) wrote to the Colonial Office & our Consul at San Francisco to the Foreign Office - and I have heard that a Paragraph in the "Victorian" Newspaper referred to the a Company sending a Vessel here to find the Silver -

No. 139.

1863.

James Lane

Stanley. 8 Aug

R. 5 Oct

A. 6 "

H.M.S. 'Alecto' to M. Video Monce Fr. R.M.S.P.

No 140

Stanley 8th August 1863
Recd. 5 Oct 63.
Ackd. 6 " " No. 287.

Sir,

The position of the Company as to the Lands on Choiseul Sound stands thus.

(1) So long as Lots 18 & 19 are not built upon & the Houses occupied, the Company cannot obtain more Land - To enable them to obtain it the 4 Plots yet wanting on Choiseul Sound, the Company must transfer the Plots 18 & 19 as explained in a former Letter, or build 2 Houses & have them occupied - a needless expense for several years, as one House for the two Plots ~~&c~~ 17 & 18 - & one for 19 & 20 is all that is required - Of course in the mean time any one may obtain the 4 Plots referred to, over which the Company's Sheep feed -

(2) It has been intimated twice that it is be well not to apply for more Land in the

names of the Company's Employés - In doubt if disposed the Gommer Co. create a difficulty to prevent Leases being granted to them - The two Plots for which Licences were granted to McGandell & Reid are built upon & occupied & stocked & I shall get them to apply for the Leases at once -

(3) Mr Pye's letter (tho' no address or description is given) might be made use of for one Plot - but only for one until a House was built as required by the Proclamation, & a Lease granted to him -

At present there is apparently no intention to Mass the Land referred to - but it may be otherwise at any time either bonâ fide or for annoyance -

It will therefore be seen that the matter rests with the Board, as my hands are tied -

I am Sir Your Obt Servant

George H Cripps Esq James Duncan

No. 140.

1863.

James Lane

Stanley. 8 Aug

R. 5 Oct

A. 6 "

Per "Annie Fisher" to Lpool.

No 141

Stanley August 26 1863
Recd 11 Nov 63.
Ackd 8 Dec " No 291.

Sir,

The "Annie Fisher" takes a Mail to Liverpool & I send enclosures as at foot.

(2) She came in with 1 sp of Bowsprit & Jib boom, to supply which we had no spar. & Dean, I hear, asked so high a figure for one, that Capt Hunter has managed to sail without, doing the best he can with his own materials & Carpenter.

(3) I send Copy of the Govrs reply to my Letter of the 10th Aug. as to Smyley's doings with the "Kate Sergeant" - What the meaning of "satisfactory explanations" may be, is not clear. - but I find that the notion of HE is, that of the Lumber Deck - he says the Government are supposed to know, & do know everyth, & to act thus accordingly,

& any representations are too much like dictation - this is Mr Pyne's version is still absent with the "Rale Sergeant" Smigley

(144) - It is reported that the Captn of the "Respigadera", wrecked in the Patagonian Coast, has been sent home charged by the British Consul with losing or deserting his Ship - Also, that the wreck was sold by the Consul, & that the purchaser has sent a Vessel to recover what he can - The Sales of the two Cargos of the "Filton" brought here, have realized about 2000 £. & I cannot learn, with certainty, whether 2/3^ds or 3/4^ths go to the Salvors - The "Filton" is now away for the third Cargo, & may meet with the purchasers Vessel - Mr Dean allows that proportion he pleases to the Salvors, instead of having it, as in England, judicially decided -

5 – I send the Gov's reply as to the "Frances Palmer" – The English Consul at Valparaiso where she touched, wrote, or stated, & the Admiral on this Station of the Object in her coming here, & the Captain of the "Alecto" had instructions to act as might be necessary! – Since it has become generally known, two or three men have pointed out the place, on a bluff of the Coast in Queen Charlotte's Bay, there for 20 years, it has been said there had been Silver deposited – it has been a common resort of Sealers, & one Man once dug down, but soon gave it up – the Man, Wagner, no doubt had heard of this when here, & manufactured the important part of his representation, as to his having dug & found it. –

6 – Another of the Company's Vessels has arrived, viz the "Leander" – she was to

to leave Rio for Stanley direct, on the 24th July, & something must have detained her - too.

(7) Since I last wrote, we had two days & nights of very deep snow & high winds causing very deep drifts - the entrance door of one Cottage, even here, was covered to the roof in one night, & the man living in it had to cut his way out - the snow was followed by sharp frost for several days, but there has been since a gradual thaw & I hope now such weather is not likely to return - It has been a month of gales, quickly succeeding each other -

(8) The ~~Prede~~ "Bird of Paradise" Ship, Capt. Davidson, has repaired pumps & other matters, & sailed with the Company safely & I send Bill on the Owners - Also Navy Bill HMS "Alecto" - (see at foot.)

31.13.10

(9) The "Duchess of Sutherland", Captn Seadden requires caulking & some repairs - She is discharging part of cargo into our Hulk (at £1 a day for the hire) preparing to caulking -

(10) I have taken great pains & time to prepare a Schedule & Valuation of the Company's Lands, Buildings, & movable property & shall shortly have it completed - the annual returns I am also preparing, & shall hope to receive the printed forms shortly -

(11) I cannot understand the truth of the story about the "Dock Company" - Mr. Bull told me, a few days since, that Captn Moore had written to him that he (Captn M) had been offered the Chairmanship of the Company, but had declined -

(12) The Governor tells me that he received a "most violent letter" from Mr Dean, in reply to his Circular as to Convicts, & that Mr D said he shd at once leave, if they were to come! – I hear that his stay is not likely to be so disturbed – The Governor did not write, publicly, as to Convicts being sent, only, he says, to friends who were taking an interest in the question at home –

I am Sir Your Obedt Servant

James Lane

George H Phillips Esqre

Enclosed

✓ 139 – ✓ 140 Duplicate Letters

Aug 10 – Copy Letter from the Govr "Kate Sargent"

" — " — " "Frances Palmer"

3d Rectd Capte Douglas £100 ac/c. 26.

Henry Bell, Alecto, 1st Rectd, for £31.13.10

– The "Bird of Paradise" Rect. is not yet closed –

P.S. The Hanna Capt. Crawford with Coals from Swansea to Valparaiso has come in with lips of Rudder (split in two pieces) off the Horn - sailed 1st May -

I regret to state that there is too much reason to believe that McLean is in a consumption - he has been some time here under the Doctor's care & gets gradually weaker - the only chance seems to be his getting into a warmer climate & I will send him to Monte Video where there is a good Hospital & English Medical men by the first opportunity; the Doctor says that it may not be too late if he goes soon, but I have little hope of his recovery. He cannot account for it beyond having a cold a Month or two after going to Dn Ds, & subsequently a cough & oppression at the Chest which he did not think much of -

No. 141.

1863.

James Lane

Stanley. 26 Aug

R. 11 Nov

A. 8 Dec

No. 142

Stanley Aug 29th 1863
Recd 12 Nov 63.
Ackd 8 Dec " No. 291.

Sir,

The "Annie Fisher" having been detained by contrary winds since the Mail closed, I send 1st of Exchange of Captain Davidson for £101. 13. 2 with letter of advice, ad/c. 26. Ackd, per Capt Hunter.

(2) Be good enough to remit to

Elizabeth Clithero
Foulsham
Norfolk

Five pounds from her Son Robert, who has paid here £5. 0. 6. ad/c. 34.

I am Sir
Your obedt Servant
James Lane

George Phipps Esq
London.

PS. The 20. 11. 10 paid Dean Bros for Clothes for the Sailors, not in our Store, & Manned at the last moment.

No. 142.

1863.

James Lane

Stanley. 29 Aug

R. 12 Nov

A. 8 Dec

This Usual Despatch were intended to go up to M. Video &c.

Mr Georgiana Grenfell to Valparaiso.

No 142

Stanley Sept 26th 1863
Rec. 31 Dec 63.
Ack. 8 Jan 64 No. 293.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge your Despatch of the 2d July No. 201 per "Georgiana Grenfell," received here on the 10th inst. — With great surprise I find, in this communication, a statement that at the General Meeting of the Company, Mr Hackblock "insinuated "something about Boxes of Specie sent "by you to Monte Video of which he "asserted he had reliable information"

2 — To this statement, or insinuation, (the meaning intended to be conveyed by it being unmistakeable) I beg to give the most unqualified contradiction & I trust the Directors will take all practicable means to compel Mr. Hackblock to substantiate, or retract, it, & to make known from whom

an imputation, so utterly groundless, unwarranted –

Yours &c

Jno. Stedt. Stewart

Spencer Lane

George W. Chapman Esq

This Inclosed Despatch were intended to go up to M. Video &c.

No. 143.

1863.

James Lane

Stanley. 26 Sep

R. 31 Dec

A. 8 Jan

This & next Despatch were intended to go up to M. Video &c.

Per Georgiana Grenfell arr.d at Valparaiso, 3 Nov

No 143

Stanley Septr 26 1863

Rec.d 31 Dec 63.

Ack.d 8 Jan 64 No. 293.

Sir,

On the 3d inst. the Beacls, & on the 10th the "Georgiana Grenfell" arrived bringing your Despatches of the 2d & 8th July Nos 201 - & 202.

(2) - The Coals have been delivered in good order & I send a Certificate to Messrs Nicholson & Sons by Capt Williams & enclose Copy

(3) - I send the Powder by "Ithuriel" & Oliffe "to Messrs Cass & Co for sale -

Also Goods purchased at the sale of the Cargo of the "Respigadera", with instructions to remit to you direct the net realization - keeping such consignments accounts separate -

(4) - The Governor relies on being able to send a Mail to Monte Video early next Month when I hope to send

full replies & explanations of accounts from 1860 to this time, with all supplemental entries complete - I have devoted every spare hour of the day & evenings in the last two months in going carefully thro' all the Company's Books & Accounts since Mr Holke left - I found that the "Remarks" & Notes said, which I always handed memos to Mr Bennett were only partially attended to & then put away & the same with any entries which required any trouble to be taken to investigate - at the same time I was always assured that they had been entered & attended to - the extreme carelessness as evidenced by numerous clerical errors, is also quite inexcusable

Under these circumstances, altho' it will be very onerous to be without a Clerk, I feel it my duty not to return Mr Bennett, & I shall much

This & next Despatch were intended to go up to M. Video. P.

prefer the Directors sending out a competent & trustworthy Clerk in his place as early as practicable, to prevent arrears & imperfections in future Acct, which may arise from my inability to attend to them with the necessary care — He sh^d not be too young — say 25 or 30 & sh^d understand that Book & Cash keeping alone, is not all he wd have to do = going on board Ships on arrival, & looking after Captains — measuring Oil rec^d from Sealers & generally interesting himself & acting in the interests of the Company — the Accounts however being first & regularly attended to — Mr Bennetts present Salary is £220 per annum but this is no doubt have to be increased as regards his Successor.

5 — The non arrival of a Blacksmith is to be regretted, the present one being much complained of by Captains — but a good Ships' Blacksmith is required, & any other would be worse than the present one to have

(6) With regard to the "White labelled ~~Beer~~ Ale sent per Harmonie" it may be good in England, but is actually far from it here & if any other than Bass Allsopp, Ind & Co's Burton pale Ale in Bottle is sent it will only be a loss to the Company – Mr Dean has said one of these Brewers Ales & the City cannot sell inferior – "Ferments" brought at the sale of the Wrecked Cargo of the "Respigadera" is good, but the Burton Brewers names go a great way – Mr Allsopp Stout is very good, tho' dear –

(7) The Matilda has not arrived & our Sales are very helping which must be felt in remittances – If one of the Oak pieces indented for had arrived we might have sold it for £40 – Dean obtaining that sum for one of inferior quality which could not have cost £12 in London – The same has been the case as regards other Stores – There is nothing like

Nos 7 next Despatch were intended to go up to M. Video &c.

sufficient Cargo for the "Matilda" to take to England (as my Letters will have shewn) collected in the 6 winter Months which have intervened since her despatch in April – Captain Jones cd have no ground for anticipating it. – The Brig will therefore have to proceed in Ballast.

No. 143.

7th I send a separate Letter as to Mr Hackblock's insinuation about Boxes of Specie – The only Specie I have sent to Monte Video since I came here are as is to be found in the Company's accounts as sent to Mr Hoegnaed (where a Bill cd not be obtained here) in payment of Goods – viz.

1858 Nov – 158 ounces – per Celia – Morrison
1861 – Dec – 24 ounces per Percy – Grimm
1862 – Aug £135.7.0 in Gold & Silver
1863 Jany – 15 ounces per ~~Phillips~~ Dawson – Phillips.

Cannot Mr Hackblock or his friends be made to be specific in such matters – If they wanted to ascertain the truth they wd be so, & not descend to "insinuations"

I court the fullest inquiry as to my part in the Company's affairs & even as to my private life here — & if the Directors think fit to hand me any inquiry or charge of any shareholder in a specific form, I will fully & frankly answer it — With regard to Mr Hackblock I am at a loss to account for any bad feeling on his part, & have in vain considered what popular information he cd have received to induce him to make so gross & public an imputation — failing to recall any circumstce to my mind, I mentioned it to Captn Dorlony, & he at once said "Its Moore — I now recollect his saying that both you & Smyley had sent away Coin, because you cd not get Government Bills on your terms" — I then recollected that I had told Mr. Pyne, as an inducement to get the Bill either for Mr Hargrand or for remittance, that I might have to send specie out

This & next Despatch were intended to go up to M. Video &c.

of the Colony for want of it, but I did not do so - Whether Smyley died or not, I do not know -

I send Enclosures as at first & am Sir

Your obedt Servant

Francis Lane

George Cockes Esqre

Enclosed

✓ "Georgina Grenfell" - Copy Certificate -
✓ Duplicate Letters 141 & 142 -
✓ Letter No. 143 -
✓ 1st Exchange - Capt. Chapman, H.M.S. "St Mark" for £48:5:4 on Croshaw & Co. Truckee & Letter of advice - 4th Acct.
✓ 2d Exch. - Capt. Davidson £101.13.2
✓ " — Alecto ——— 31.13.10

~~or pres Father~~ ~~Father~~ If the order in favor of Mr Bennett
or pres Father No Bill ever been drawn in favor of Bennett -
× has not been paid, it should not be now. - Monday Morng 20th Sep - The
× Have since found it was paid - H.L.

No. 144.

1863.

James Lane

Stanley. 26 Sep

R. 31 Dec

A. 8 Jan

The "Matilda" came in the last night & all hands say that the little boy has got down on deck - the Gunner Steward is now working under -

No 145

This & next Despatch were intended to go up to M. Video for Kate Sergeant to catch Nov Mail to England & so arrive early in Dec, but were not got ready in time by Postmaster & she sailed without Mailbag, which was brought on by David Ewan 26 Oct 63 — 19 Dec

Stanley, October 10 1863

Rec.d 4 Jan 64.
Ack.d 8 " " No. 293.

Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 8th Aug last, on the subject of the wool per "Matilda", & the remedies for Scab, I reply separately —

The quantity of the Wool was much greater than that per "Hawes", as was evident by the bales both occupied before being pressed, — but the weight & price were less — I believe this can be accounted for, & that, if the experience gained here by attentive & anxious watching as availed of, the future will not shew the same state of things —

I, from time to time, shewed the unusual severity of the Winter (1862) before the shearing, & the virulence of the disease & the loss caused by both combined — ~~but~~ — this was not only a loss of sheep

You will hear the report of

by death, but the wool of the diseased sheep, which required wd be shorter & of course lighter.

But, in regard to the diminished weight (as I intimated in my letter accompanying the "General Report") Begg's remedies, by particular experiments, & watching the effect on the Wethers particularly, had not answered; &, to the use of those remedies, the loss in weight is attributed. - for it is believed that, allowing for short wool arising from scab, it was lighter bulk for bulk - Dipping with the Composition, dried up the Yolk of the Wool, taking away the nourishment required for its growth - it dried up the Wool in this way, & opened it to the wind & weather to its injury, & to that of the Sheep -

A small quantity of the Mercurial Ointment has been tried, & it succeeded well. - the most recent writers on Sheep recommend it as the best remedy, &

an experienced Man from California recently told me that there it was superseding other remedies - It must be remembered that all other Kinds Combinations have been unacceptably tried here & that they have not been satisfactory

But whatever is the remedy, enough of it & to spare, shd always be at hand, for one Month without it, when required, wd Losses not be recovered for a year or two.

It is not thought that harm need be feared from the Lambs licking the Ewes - The latter wd only be dressed after being clipped, & the Lambs are then weaned & kept apart.-

The Ointment & Oil being believed to be all that will be necessary, the cost will be much lessened.

For the Sheep & coming Lambs, we shd have 1½ Tons of Ointment, to have it at hand in case of delay in arrival of a further supply when needed.

Instead of 750 lb asked for a little more than 2/3rds of it only, has been sent, which will not last beyond Feby next.

You will hear the report of Captain

Packe's Wool for "Springbok" – The southdown blood predominates in his flock & I some time ago (seeing that his Wool was close & curly looser than it had been) suggested a Cross of Cheviot & Hampshire, (or South down) as likely to improve the fleece, but it was not approved –

The Clipping Year shd be an improvement upon the last ⅞, but the merits of the Ointment & Oil will not be tested until the following Shearing –

Sam for Jun Mr Kent

James Lane

George H Crispe Esq

No. 145.

1864.

James Lane

Stanley. 10 Oct

R. 4 Jan

A. 8 "

No 146

Round Seal of Envelope "Victoria arrived 8 Oct"

Stanley Oct 17 1863
Recd. 4 Jan 64
Ackd. 8 " " No. 293.

Sir,

Your Despatch No 204 arrived here by the "David Evan" on the 27th Septr & the present Mail goes by her via Monte Video

Referring to Par 3 as to Capt Packe, I find that Mr Turpin's arrangement with Capt Packe is, that the latter shall be paid a certain sum annually, & that after receiving a fixed Salary, Mr Turpin is to participate in any surplus – Mr Dean tries every means to get Shipmasters to take Beef of Mr Turpin

Par 9 – I am unable to state anything more, usefully, as regards Beer –

Par 13 – I charged the 3 Roachers £15 each for their Passages, which, with advance, has been paid by Rudd & Robson – I have named £15 also for Peter, & £13 for Ann, Reilly, which is considered a favor to their friends here.

(2) The "Matilda" has discharged her general Cargo which is in good order but the Brown Sugar was in badly seamed Barrels & deficient in weight 527 lbs

(3) I have information that the Victoria will be here next week, with several thousand Gallons of Penguin Oil - I have no intimation as to what value of Cargo the Directors wd consider to justify incurring a home freight now, but as emoluments are required, at any Cost, I have decided on sending the "Matilda" with such return Cargo as is on hand, with that expected by the Victoria. - The value may be taken as between £2000 & £3000 - You will have been able to find the best Market for Penguin Oil by means of that sent per Spring Bk -

The Matilda may be expected to sail the 1st week in Novr. - Another time the lay days shd not be reduced - it adds to expense

I have given Capt Dyer Bills for £475 at 90 days sight on account of freight - ac C. 27.

4 - I send statement as to the wreck of the Prussian Barque "Adelaide" & letter to & from Mr George Dean "acting ~~Sub Agent~~" in the absence of his Father at ~~Kaffirs~~. - If Father had been ~~able~~ allowed to secure what he could, when first at the wreck, £1000 to £2000 might probably have been obtained in value, & at 50 per Cent Salvage to the Company! - It is a great pity that the appointment of "Receiver of Wrecks" cannot be obtained. - Capt Kuhse wants to go home, with such of the Crew as do not ship here in other Vessels, in the Matilda but I hear that the Govt have offered to send them to Monte Video by the "Kate Sergeant" to induce Smyley to send her ~~by~~ forth this Mail -

5 - Only one of the 6 Rams brought out by the Springbok has lived - & upwards of 100 other Sheep have died at Pebble Island this past Winter - Our Lambing Season will commence in a few days & the Weather is favorable -

6 - The "Illimani" paid £17 for the use of the Diving Dress & her general Account in Cash - altogt upwards of £120 - The Duchess of Sutherland's account will be about £100 excluded £39 for Hire of Hulk - - I tendered & have contracted for doing the repairs of the "Sea Snake" Lighter Appliance for £60 - Carpenters labour only -

7 The Government are to have a Schooner, - discarded Yacht, sent out to be kept here to carry & bring Mails - And I am sorry to hear that Marines (unmarried) are to replace the Troops of the line now here - The Governor & every one is opposed to the change.

8 Mr Bamblin has been ill, & having been here upwards of 20 years I believe, has applied for a Pension & will go home on Sick Certificate - Mr Dean & family will it is believed leave for England in about 6 months for a stay of two years, leaving his Son here, who will I suppose be "acting Lloyd's Agent" in the interim

9 I wd call attention to the Return of Sales of Stores, Meat Vegetables &c for the year ending 30 June last, shewing ~~the~~ an increase, over the previous year, as follows

Beef	Increased Sales	£829. 6. 1
Mutton	Do	190. 15. 4
Vegetables	Do	10. 6. 11
Milk & Butter		49. 11. 6
Stores		11,666. 11. 10

Decrease - Wild Geese & Rabbits
£6. 17. 0

10 I beg to refer to my Letter No 14th Par 4 as to a Clerk whose departure shd not be delayed a day beyond that is necessary. Mr Bennett may leave at any time & the Comptr's business must suffer if I am long without one - The continued application to the Acct (as will be evidenced by the enclosures sent herewith) with so much otherwise requiring constant thought & attention is more than I can long endurgo

alone without being unexpectedly, & I therefore hope a suitable Man may be speedily sent - It is useless to go into the cramping & misstatements made to me by Mr Bennett as to the communications from time to time rec.d as to the Accounts, to make me believe they were attended to - I have now gone very carefully thro' them & believe every one has been explained or corrected -

I also send various returns & copy Cash Book to end of June last - Stores on hand at that date - Schedule &c of all fixed & moveable property - Coaling Account &c &c -

11 - I enclose for Mess.rs Burchell & Co letter & papers as to Romeberg's action, which I apprehend must fail - also as to the Privy Council Appeal, including the Original Grants & Leases of Nos 9 & 10 at Salvador -

I believe the transcript of the Record in the Cattle pilling case goes to the Privy Council by this Mail -

(12) The "Tracy" arrived on the 11 Septr with a Cargo of Pots & Tools - Captain Nickels paid more than the expenses of the Schooner by Feathers Skins &c ~~exchanged~~ obtained in Exchange for Stores, & for sales of Stores for Cash, thus bringing the Vessel free of Cost - He sailed again on the 16th inst. with Stores to trade with & with an extra number of hands to leave on the Coast Sealing, & on shares, calling for them again, ~~which~~ after he has obtained & brought here the results of his barter &, I hope, about 40 Tons of Sting Guano -

(13) I found Three large cases of furniture on board the "Matilda" for the Government, but - not having any advice as to these, I have charged & rec^d £3 a Ton measurement, being £13. 10. 0 credited to Store -

(14) I will report as to the Matilda's Cargo by her - It is a great error to send a short supply - for instance (& I cd give many)

50 firkins of Butter only are sent - the ordinary sale of about 4 firkins a ~~for~~ week, will get rid of these, without unusual demand, in about 3 Months & then all the people will go to Dean for that & other general supplies often, at the same time for convenience - There are several things not rec.d, indulged for at the particular request of persons here - they feel annoyed & treat it as intentional on my part, & cease to patronize the Company for a time - No Store can answer here as it ought do, unless the old embarrased Debts are supplied - Spars are sent instead of Oak pieces for Rudders - the Spars will particularly remain here for years unsold, - & the next Shipwrecking the Oak pieces will obtain them from Dean, & with the knowledge that we have some, he would make less use terms as to honing the other business of the Ship as a condition - The bad results are seen here in many other ways -

(15) John Rickard to be much delighted by assistance given towards his Brother reaching England from Canada as by particulars on separate paper enclosed -

(16) By the Matilda I will send Balance Sheet, but some of the Accounts will have to be corrected in London by the supply of items as will be seen in the "general Notes" now sent & the totals will therefore of course vary from the London Books - The Postings in the Ledger Books here will be kept in pencil until the totals are correctly ascertained

Yours Sir Your Obd.t Servt

James Lane

George H Cuffe Esq.re

Enclosures

			a/c. 27.
1st Credit -	Irwin or Rankin	-	£12.8.4
2d "	Chapman - Crosbie	-	48.5.4
3d "	Dundas - Taylor	-	101.13.2

"Georgiana Grenfell" - Red. Shipes Dest.ns at Stanley

Enclosures continued

✓ Bill of Lading of 322 Barrels of Powder by Genl Grenfell & Shannon Ship

✓ Letter for Mr Cuffes - sent in mistake - Post mark "Roseau Mon"

✓ Emigrants - Sgd Certificate -

Returns

✓1 Schedule of Land & Joyed property of the Colony

✓2 Do of the moveable property of Do

✓3 Abstract of Stores 30 June 1863

✓4 Coaling Account 1859 - 1863

5 Farm acct - balances & outstands Acct of Stanley Butchery

6 Comparative Sales at Stanley 1861-2 & 1862-3

7 Live Stock Returns

✓8 Produce &c - Do

✓9 Shipping Sept Aug 9th to Oct 14th

✓9a Wages (Crews) return

9b Do Do

Sundry

10 Letters No 144 & 144 - (duplicates per Genl Grenfell via Valparaiso -

11 - Letter No 145.

12 - Copy Letter to Revd C Bull Oct 5th 1863

13 - "Adeline" Wreck - Statement - original Letter of Mr G Dean & Copies of Do to him

14 Mr R. Rudd - Memorandum -

Accounts

✓ 15 – "Old Administration – Sundry Dr & Cr Notes –

✓ 16 Remarks on balance Sheet – 30 June /60 – returned with Notes &c

✓ 17 Notes – Acct 1860 – 1861

✓ 18 Replies to remarks on Acct 1862

✓ 19 – Do. — Do. rec'd in No 107 –

✓ 20 – Do. — Do rec'd in London Despatch of 8 Oct /62

✓ 21 – Aug 1862 – Copy Minutes Cash Book –

✓ 22 – J Lance – returned private Acct. – as sup'd to 30 June 1863 –

✓ 23 – General Notes on Accounts to 30 June 1863

✓ 24 Omissions & corrections – Journal Entries –

✓ 25 Faulone – Restitution – corrected Do.

✓ 26 – Spices from Store — Do. omitted –

✓ 27 – Copy Cash Book – 1863 – June – July & Aug

✓ 28 Journal Entries – 1863 – June July & Aug

For Messrs Beschoff & Co

✓ 14" Feby 1860 – 2 Grants of 160 Acres Purch'd Land 9 & 10 Salvador

✓ 16" " " – 2 Leases of Land Do. Do.

✓ 5 & 6 Oct /63 – Letter (Copy) to Governor & replies (rec'd) 2 Acts & Certificate – signed F. H. Greenne – Bill of Lading Coals for Johanna Stoffa – Capt. Molongo Acct for fees –

Enclosures enclosed

Affidavit of service of order of Prov. Council & Trial for Col. Lawrence.

Oct 17th 1863 - Letter to Messrs Burchell & Co

Gov. Mackenzie's Lr 18 Sep 63.

No. 446.

1864.

James Cane

Stanley. 17 Oct

R. H. Jan

A. 8 "

No. 147

Mr. David Ewan to M. Video thence p. Mail St.

Stanley October 25th 1863
Sunday Night

Rec.d 4 Jan 64
Ack.d 8 " " No. 293.

Sir,

I have just heard that the "David Ewan" which came in yesterday, is to go to Monte Video to morrow Morning, & I write this to send it by her Master, as no notice has been given, yet, of a Mail being sent by her -

(2) The "Victoria" having brought a good Cargo of Penguin Oil, I send the Matilda with such a Cargo as we have for her, & expect she will sail by Monday the 9th Nov.r - The value will be £2000 to 3000 - consisting chiefly of Oil - Hides of Cattle about 450 - Horses 150 - (Kelpel & Pebbled) - Ostrich feathers - Guanaco & other Skins - I send a Note of the "Victoria's" Cargo, showing £238.5.1 to her share, - instead of lying idle on Wooler in the Harbour. -

(3) The accompanying correspondence will shew what has taken place as to the Mail which was to have left for Monte Video on the 19th inst., to be in time for the Mail thence to England on the 31st. - But for this opportunity (quite unlooked for) of the "David Dean", you wd have had no advice the other of the Insurance of the home Cargo, & the responsibility of sending it made me very uneasy. - Capt Bartlett, Master & Owner of the Ship "Granada", came here in Ballast from Monte Video last Month, & is loading with the Isabella's (and Atlantic) American Coals, left here last year, which he has purchased, & takes them to the Pacific for sale - His Ship & Cargo are uninsured for that Voyage & he wrote to his Agents by the Mail advertized for the 19th to insure in £1000, & as he says, if his Vessel shd be lost, with. insurance, it wd be

his seem. – You will see that the Mail was closed at 10 a.m. – the Bag was sent for at near 11 – The Schooner got underweigh at 12 & after sailing about the Harbour for nearly 2 hours (during which Mr Ogne took no notice of it, & did not even send to Capt. Smyley to ask him to wait) * then sailed without the Bag – a few minutes before 4 p.m. Mr Ogne sent the Bag with the letter dated 3 p.m. – thus keeping the Mail 6 hours after the closing time –

Capt. Bartlett was in a serious position & applied to Capt. Sibbald (appointed "Notary public" by Capt. Moore) to take his protest – but he refused! – Capt. Bartlett then applied to the Gov. by letter, who referred him to Mr. Griffiths, & on seeing Mr G., he, at last, got it done – There were several Captains in Port, & one Vessel with Passengers, & they advertised a public Meeting, but it was not held as the Pulliean at Moore

House it was to have been held was afraid of the Government & it did not take place —

Not only the Captains but people here generally complain of Mr Payne not being to be found at his Office — it is a mile from the Company's Store, & instead of being there, people going on business, see him in his Boat in the Harbour — One Man, Capt, had to go 3 or 4 times to pay Anchor Duty — a Captain went & was detained 2 hours & then told to come the next day to discharge Vessel & these others, shortly, after which he saw Mr Payne sailing about — The Governor shuts his eyes & ears to anything Mr Payne or Mr Bailey do, but hearing that (incorrectly) that Mr Bull had something to do with the Meeting, he sent for him & told him that if any Gov't Officer differed from the Government he had better resign — Capt. Bartlett, if not another Ship Master also has I hear written to the Governor complaining

of Mr Ryan's bearing, & non attendance at the Office, & asking for an interview to make representations to the Governor on the way Masters of Ships are treated — It is enough to drive away business, & every one from the Port, who can possibly avoid coming, but I suppose it must be patiently borne tho' the injurious consequences to the Company are urged upon me daily —

Altho' the strict accuracy of my Letter to the Gov. as to the detention of the Maids is indisputable, the facts stated being known to many people, it is met by such a phrase as being "grossly misinformed" tho' the contrary is well known when they so write! —

(4) Mr Dean has returned from visiting Pebble Island & has found

about 80 out of 180 Cattle, which he had had put upon one of the small islets of the Island, have been killed by the Sealers & the remains of them carcases he has brought with him -

I have never been able to feel safe in putting (as once intended) Cattle on an Island without a person in charge, & have consequently not done so -

Get a simple Ordinance for shooting Sealers taking Dogs wd prevent these depredations - but this, hitherto, has been treated as objectionable, - as legislating for the Company's interest only - I shall have a watch kept (when Vessels leave here) this summer, & if caught, prosecute one man for felony, (& not for killing wild) in destroying stock which is private property. I have offered them Beef at 2d per lb, & some have given way, but the

two Vessels "Enterprise" & "Victor" belonging to the Carpenter Phillips, invariably leave without fresh Meat, which they never go long without, either for themselves or their Dogs on board.

(5) As the "Chowdean" has probably put back it wd hardly be worth while to send another Coal Ship, yet, if you buy those of the "Atlantic", as advised - the profit on the latter wd be greater by a good deal - I'd left in Mr Dean's charge, at Rat, he has been using the Coals for his own & his Son's Horses, & 10 to 15 Tons have been thus taken - He says he was allowed to take up to 20 Tons & to pay for them what they actually sold for per Ton - Capt. Dunsmore told me he cd. sell a Ton, & on that account received money for expenses at the high rate which he paid Jas Sr Jas & Geo. H Crafts Esqrs James Lane

PS. I do not mention that I have chatted about Mr Payne with a view to its being represented at home, but only as keeping the Directors informed of the state of things here

Return of Camp Wages 1 Oct 63
Addenda Cent. Notes on a/cs for Apr & June 63.
" No Stock Return of 1 Oct 63
Mail Correspondence Pr. 'Kate Sergeant'

James Clare
Stanley. 25 Oct
R. 4 Jan
C. 8 "

1864.

No. 44.

No. 448.

1864.

James Lane

Stanley. 26 Oct
Rec. 4 Jan
Ack. 8 "

Stanley Oct 26 1863
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Ack. 8 " " No. 293.

Sir,

I enclose a Paper Sent to post by the "Ariel" which will be made England, thro' the Deputy Postmaster's Letter of yesterday No. 217, with Note of the Victrix's last Cargo. — The other enclosed Declarations in Letter 217 will be with original of that Letter go by the Mail from here, if it is again opened.

(2) — The Captain & mashed Crew of the Adelina are to go to Monte Video, by the "David Swan" —

(3) Colin McLean & Peter Smith P. went to Monte Video for arrest & change of Name ale by the "Kate Serjeant" — I asked Mr Gregorio to get them into the Hospital & about £15 was raised here for McLean who had not a shilling — Peter Smith had saved money — I fear neither are long for this world —

I am Sir Your Obd Servt
Joseph Phillips Esq.

Stanley 8/1/64

P.S. — On consideration I send duplicate Letter which please to return) 18 duplicates of No. 145 & 6 also.

P.S. Between 2 & 3 o'c. to-day I sent the Mun Packet to the Office of Mr Payne to be posted to save the heavy Double Pedean Rate, - he then said the Mail might or might not go & he cd not take in any Letters - but that if it was arranged a Notice wd be posted - I immediately afterwards saw Capt Phillips, who cd it had been all agreed some hours before with Mr Payne & he was then going up to sign the Contract - this was betn 2 & 3 o'c. - I sent Mr Bennett again who met Capt Phillips coming away from Mr Payne's Office & he said he had signed the Contract - Mr Bennett then went in & said that Capt P had so told him but Mr Payne cd not take in the letter says it was too late to post a Notice (then 5 o'c.) & a Letter might go by private hand - The Mail is to go off this Eve at 7 o'c. & the Schooner to sail early in the morning - None of the Captains are able to post Letters - and expects they desgrest at the place w. no measured terms - Mail is thus closed on the 19th, despatched on the 26th, & the public are prevented posting Letters in the interval -

Per "Matilda"

No 149

Stanley 9 Nov 1863

Rec.d 18 Jan 64
Ack.d 8 Feb " No. 295.

Sir,

I now dispatch the "Matilda", & enclose Bills of Lading of her Cargo, the particulars of which, & the proportions betn "produce" & "Adventures", will be found amongst the enclosures at foot –

(2) I also send Indent for Stores which shd not be delayed. – If these goods are shipped, I think the Store may be considered to be supplied until Septr 1865 – If the "Matilda" is to return, after bringing out the Cargo now indented for, I think you may look for Wool & other shipments to the value of between £3000 & £4000, & to leave here in April next –

Between the middle of April & the 1st Septr a Vessel shd not arrive with Stores. – If the Matilda is purchased she wd, after Sept 1865, have to make two trips

(6) The "Victoria" has again left, for the Coast of Patagonia, on a sealing Voyage - Her Butcher's Bill on the Winter Voyage for Penguin Oil, owing to my coming up them in Ruggles Bay, was £36 - Nevertheless I found they were going without Beef at all from Stanley, of course intending to kill for themselves. - I posted, then, a Notice "To Sealers" warning them that if they were ~~found~~ found killing Off's Cattle they wd be prosecuted for felony, & that every means of detection wd be used - Upon this they went "Roth about" intending to get their Beef from the Government Cattle, no doubt -

(7) The Sealing Season is favorable & A good report is said from the Voyage Manager -

(8) Rudd wd be obliged by £7 - being remitted to his Mother, Mrs Ann Rudd - 15 Mafton Road, New Town, Dyeler - ad/c. 34.

(9) If the decision of the Privy Council, as

faionable as Skelling Wild Cattle, it wd be well to send out several Newspapers (6 or 8) with a good report of the Settlement.

(10) Mr Griffiths & his Wife wd be glad of a Package being sent for them if application is made.

(11) - 2 Shepherds & 4 Helpers shd be sent by first Vessel to provide for the care of the Lambs when weaned, in March; - all bound to the Company for 5 years if possible - It wd be economical, & advantageous in many ways, if a Carpenter or Sawyer & Sawyer, bound in the same way, was sent - Wages, say £5 a Month & Lodging & Beef free - Also a Mason, at the same wages, & bound also - Houses & corrals must yearly be erected, & a Mason from Stanley & a Carpenter require now each 8/a Day! - Neither need be very Skilled Workmen, - the Carpenter's work wd be to fence & erect Wood Cottages, & the Mason to build Chimnies, Stone Corrals &c

&, both, to keep existing Buildings in repair — The Agreement shd bind them to do any kind of work, & not merely to follow their proper trades —

(12) Robson wd pay £15 each for the passage of Hugh Smith & John Matheson if they apply to the COY & can be sent — One is a Mason & the other a Shipwright Carpenter — but they will, no doubt, be well informed as to asking high wages, & wd not do for the Camp work as mentd in the last Paragraph —

Robson wishes them to be free of any Agreement, as he guarantees payment.

The more Artizans sent in this way the better; as nothing else will keep down high wages —

(13) I am very anxious about a Clerk being sent at once, & that a suitable Man shd come — One who has been in communication with Merchant Captains, & acquainted with Ship brokers

business wd be preferable – Every effort is made by Dean & his Son to secure Ships' business, & "Lloyds Agents" influence & hints are used unsparingly –

(14) – The following has been communicated to me from, I believe, a reliable source

That the Coy have made some representn to Lloyds as to Dean colluding with the Master of a condemned, or wrecked, Vessel, not to bid – That he was written to, & replied – & that Lloyds Secy made to him that his explanation, or denial, convinced them there was no foundation for the charge – That Dean, at first, said he wd post the correspondence publicly in the Board, but that, subsequently, he thought it wd be better to keep it in his Counting House to shew Captains, & prejudice them agt the Company. – If such a correspondence has taken place, I cnot of course counteract its being so used by Mr Dean, without having it –

(15 -) I intended to have sent one set of Bills of Lading by Mail, so that, if it was landed ~~early~~ on the Coast, you might get early particulars of the Cargo, but the public convenience is less regarded here than ever - On Friday I rode down to Mr Payne's, Dear Mr Payne, I shall be ready to despatch the Malalda the first thing on Tuesday Morn'g." Jimmy - having previously told him she might leave on Sunday - No notice of a Mail, however, was posted either on Saturday or Sunday - At Mid day on Sunday the Malalda arrived from Darwin Harbour, & Capt Dyer, at once, went to Mr Payne's House to tell him she wd sail on Tuesday Morning - It was not until to day, Monday, that a Notice of a Mail was posted, - the notice being given about 12 for the Mail to close at 4 pm, altho' the Bag was not to be given to Capt Dyer until 12 to morrow - I knew nothing of the Notice, like many others, until too late -

A separate Bag of letters is obliged to be made up for the public, in which I send duplicate Bills of lading, having procured a Postage Stamp for that Letter 16.4 -

Iam Sir your Obt Servant

James Lane

George Phillips Esqre

Enclosures

ad/c. 27.

✓ 1st Exchange - Irvine on Rankin - £119. 0. 0
& Letter of advice. & Acct

✓ 2d Ex. Chapman-Crosshaw & Co - 48. 5. 6

✓ " - Irvine - Rankin - 12. 0. 6

✓ Duplicate Letter 140

✓ Certificate of Arrivals (Matilda) & particulars signed by Master

✓ ✓ Schr's Acct - Monthly Journal Accts

✓ ✓ Do Copy Cash Book

✓ Matilda - Particulars of Cargo & "Revenue" & "Revenue"

✓ Indent for Stores & Rites on Outward Cargo for Matilda

✓ 4 Bills of Lading of Cargo home per Do.

Enclosures continued

✓ No. - Additional General Notes on Accounts -

✓ Additional corrections of Acct. -

✓ "Adventures" - for Wakelda - Cost + Realization

Accounts

✓ Ledger Castings of Acct. to 30 June 1863.

✓ Shipping List

No 149.

1864.

James Lane

Stanley. 9 Nov

R. 18 Jan

A. 8 Feb