

Letters concerning the Falkland Islands [p.1]

[Falkland Islands] - Collection of 15 official letters with enclosures addressed to Rear Admiral Sir Graham E. Hamond KCB, as commander on the South America station, relating to affairs in the Falkland Islands in 1834-36, including:

Letter signed H.S. Fox, H.M. Consul Rio de Janeiro, mentioning 'the important services which call you to the Falkland Islands' [Rio, 11 December 1834]; Letter from the Admiralty with contemporary copies of a letter and memorandum by Capt. W.E. Parry (the hydrographer and Arctic explorer) relating to the probable position of Beauchene's Island, which Hamond is asked to investigate [Admiralty, 6 February 1835]; Letter from the Admiralty, with enclosures, 'relative to the claim of Mr. Louis Vernet [former Governor of the Malvinas] to certain property in the Falkland Islands'; Letter from the Admiralty in duplicate (sent by different ships) approving Hamond's 'intention of proceeding to visit the Falkland Islands' [Admiralty, 25 February 1835]; Letter from the Admiralty in duplicate (sent by different ships) about clothing supplied 'to the twelve persons (Indians & others) who have been detained on board the Spartiate on account of the Massacre at the Falkland Islands' and here listed [Admiralty, 28 March 1835]; Letter in duplicate (sent by different ships) signed by Sir Charles Wood of the Admiralty, approving the sending of culprits and witnesses involved in the massacre to England [Admiralty, 14 May 1835]; Letter signed by Sir Charles Wood (contradicting his earlier letter) informing Hamond that the prisoners are not to be prosecuted in England, and all detainees in the case will 'be sent back to South America by the first Packet' [Admiralty, 24 June 1835]; Letter with interesting memorial by ship owners enclosed, from Sir Charles Wood of the Admiralty, relating to actions taken by Lieutenant Henry Smith [recently appointed Governor of the Falklands] to prevent the Cutter Susannah Ann from taking seals at the Falkland Islands [Admiralty, 4 July 1835]; Letter signed by Hamilton Hamilton, British Consul at Buenos Aires, worrying about the arrival of 'the individuals concerned in the massacre at the Falkland Islands' and fearing that any action will revive local claims to sovereignty of the Falklands and wishing to refer the case to Palmerston [Buenos Aires, 19 September 1835]; Letter signed by Sir John Barrow with enclosures relating to 'the conduct of certain Naval Officers on the occasion of the Wreck of the French Ship Pierre Louis' [Admiralty, 14 October 1835]; Letter signed by Sir Charles Wood in support of Hamilton's plan for 'the best mode of landing the Men concerned in the Massacre at the Falkland Islands' (see above) [Admiralty 21 December 1835]; Letter signed by J.H. Mandeville, minister plenipotentiary at Buenos Aires, a warning about the intentions of M. Vernet to take wild cattle from the Islands, 1836. Approximately 65 pages, folio, each docketed by Hamond; also, contemporary copy of resolutions carried at AGM of British residents in Buenos Aires, 1832; autograph letter signed by Sir WJ. Hooker relating to the Falkland Island tussock grass, Kew, 1849.

The correspondence provides interesting evidence of the tight control over administration held by the Admiralty as far afield as the South American station. The Falkland Islands had been reclaimed by Britain as late as 1833, which explains the concern expressed by the Consul in Buenos Aires in his letter to Hamond. The murders of settler Matthew Brisbane and others had occurred in August 1833, but the news did not reach Rio until January 1834, when H.M.S. Challenger sailed to the Falklands and landed Lieutenant Smith. Fitzroy of the Beagle arranged for the transport of the outlaws to Rio in March 1834.

1832 (Jan 22) Copy Letter re presentation to Woodbine Parish in Buenos Aires [p.2]

At a General Meeting of British Residents in Buenos Ayres held in the British Chapel on Thursday the Nineteenth Instant.

William Orr Esq in the Chair

The following Resolutions were carried unanimously

First

That the valuable services of Woodbine Parish Esq during his residence in Buenos Ayres as H. M Charge' d' affaires, and Consul general, together with his general affable and obliging deportment entitle him to the warmest thanks of the British Residents.

Second

That this meeting understanding that Mr Parish is about to embark for England, are anxious to convey to him an expression of these sentiments, as well as their grateful acknowledgement of his kind and conciliary conduct on all occasions.

Third

That for this purpose a piece of Plate of the value of one hundred and fifty guineas or upwards with an inscription in conformity with these resolutions, be subscribed for by the British Residents in Buenos Ayres, and presented too Mr. Parish.

Fourth

That a committee of five gentlemen be named to communicate to Mr. Parish the sentiments of this meeting, and to carry its other objects into effect.

Fifth

That the committee be composed of the following gentlemen viz

Mr. William Orr
James Miller
John Harrah
John Campbell
John Appleyard

Sixth

That the subscription list be left open until three days before the sailing of the Packet now in Port and that notice thereof be given in the public papers.

Seventh

That the proceedings of this meeting be published in the [2 words illeg.] Mercantil British Packet, and Cosmopolitan.

Signed/

William Orr

B Aires January 20th 1832

N/CUL/GEN/01. Rear Admiral Hamond Correspondence 1834-1836 – Transcription

Additional Notes:

Resolutions paper by the British Residents on Mr Parish leaving Buenos Ayres in 1832.

1834 (Aug 15th) Letter from Captain W.E. Parry R.N. re location of Beauchene Island [p.3]

Beauchene Island

Memorandum

The Position of Beauchene's Island to the southward of the Falkland Groupe differs considerably in the different English Charts; but it is usually placed from twenty to thirty miles to the Southward of the small islands called the "Anicans." [?] There is however, good reason for believing that this distance is much too little. Lieut. Cha. Mallard R.N. informs me that he once passed, in a merchant vessel, to the northward of Beauchene's Island, or an island which he considered to be Beauchene's (i.e. between it and the Falklands) on a very clear day; and there occurs in his chart the following note made near the time. "This Island is laid down 25 to 30 too near the Anicans [?]; we passed between them in the [1 word illeg.] and when Beachuene's I^d [3 words illeg.], 8 to 9 leagues distant, the land on the other side was not in sight from the masthead."

It appears highly probable, therefore that Beauchene's Island lies as far to the Southward as 53°_15' or 53°_20'.

But, besides that Island, there is another in the Spanish Charts, about Lat^{de} 54°9' and Long^{de} 59°36' W, marked in fleet's Chart published by Nowe [?], 1826, Island of the Spanish charts, doubtful.

The following Extract from a Letter addressed to the Admiralty by Lieut Burwood R.N. dated [1 word illeg.] 9th June 1829, would appear to render its existence no longer a matter of doubt.

Extract

"I have also to acquaint you that, on our passage from Rio de Janeiro to Valparaiso, we, on the evening of the 13th of November 1828, took a fresh departure from the East end of the Falkland Islands, and at 8 P.M. on the 15th of the same month observed a barren rocky island bearing by compass L.G.W. at most distance 7 or 8 leagues; its latitude by us 54°:09' South, Longitude 59°:36' West, it being noticed in Nowe [?] Chart as laid down in the Spanish but doubtful. Shortly after our arrival at Valparaiso I had the satisfaction to learn that the 'Intrepid Packet' an English merchant vessel being to windward of the island the same day likewise saw it. Not having noticed it in any of the charts of H.M. ships to whose Capt'n's I have communicated the circumstance, I deemed it my duty to make it known to your Hon^{ble} Board.

As these islands lie directly in the track of vessels running between Cape Horn and the Eastern Part of the Falkland Islands the determination of their true position is a matter of considerable importance, and might easily be accomplished by any of HM ships passing that way

Signed/

W.E. Parry
Capt'n R.N.

Rio de Janeiro
Aug 15th 1834

1835 (Jan 12) Letter from Captain W.E. Parry RN re. the position of 2 Islands in the Falklands [p.4]

Alderley Park, Cheshire

12th Jan^y 1835

Sir

I have the honor to enclose to you, for the information of my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a memorandum relative to two Islands in the neighbourhood of the Falkland Groupe, which lie directly in the track between our new settlement in Berkley Sound and Cape Horn.

It being of importance to ascertain their true position, I gave a copy of this memorandum to Captain Jack Lewis officer at Rio de Janeiro in August last.

I have &

Signed, W.E. Parry

Capt. R.N.

[Addressee]

To

J Barron Esq.

[Signature]

Admiralty

1835 (Feb 12) Letter written on behalf of the Duke of Wellington re claim to land in the F.I's. [p.5]

Foreign Office

February 12 1835

Sir

In returning to you the original papers which accompanied your letter to Sir George Thee of the 14th of November last, which stated the opinion of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty relative to a claim on account of certain property in the Falkland Islands addressed by Mr. Lewis Vernet to the officer commanding His Majesty's squadron on the South American station, I am directed by his Grace the Duke of Wellington to acquaint you for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty that he concerns with their Lordships in thinking that without admitting any rights which Mr. Vernet may claim under an alleged grant from the Buenos Ayres Government, still any private property in the Islands clearly belonging to Mr. Vernet should be returned to him.

I am at the same time to suggest that it may be expected to take the opinion of His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonial Department as to any questions relating to the internal management of the British settlement in the Falkland Islands.

I am

Signed/

[Signature]

1835 (Feb 14) Letter from Rear Admiral Hamond re property on the Falkland Islands [p.6]

Admiralty

14th February 1835

No. 10

Sir,

I am commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to transmit to you herewith a copy of a letter from Lieutenant William Smith [1 word illeg.] to [1] the late Commander in Chief on the South American Station and also a [2] copy of a letter from the Under Secretary of State for the Foreign Affairs relative to the claim of Mr. Louis Vernet to certain property in the Falkland Islands; and I am to signify their Lordships direction to you to cause the Private Account of Mr. Vernet to be settled.

I am,

Sir, your most obedient,

Humble Servant,

[Addressee]

Rear Admiral
Sir Graham Eden Hamond Bar^t. K.C.B.
South America

[1] 19 July 1834' is written in the left margin

[2] 12 Feb' 1835' is written in the left margin

1835 (Feb 25) Letter approving Rear Admiral Hamond's visit to the Falkland Islands [p.7]

Admiralty 25th Feb^y 1835

No 12

Sir

Having laid before my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty your letter of the 15th of December last No 12, stating your intention of proceeding to visit the Falkland Islands, I am commanded by their Lordships to acquaint you that they approve of this mention.

I am sir

Your most obedient

Humble servant

[Signature]

[Addressee]

Rear Admiral Sir Graham E. Hamond
B^t KCB
Rio de Janeiro

[Additional Notes]:

Rep^d by Lafwing 13 May 1835

Duplicate Letter [p.8]

1835 (June 20) Copy Letter re restrictions in Seal Hunting [p.9]

To

The Right Honourable the Lord Commissioner for executing the office of Lord High Admiral

The humble memorial of the undersigned James Lucas, a part owner, Robert Ferguson a part owner and master and Samuel Thompson chief mate of the Cutter Susannah Ann of London.

Shewith[?]

That your Memorialists Ferguson and Thompson being on a voyage in the Susannah Ann to the South [?] in quest of fur seal skins arrived, in the month of April 1834 at Port Louis in the Falkland Islands of which Lieutenant Smith RN is the British Governor or Commandant.

That your Memorialists were about to send out boats to take seals upon the North and South rocks at the entrance of the Bay called Berkley Sound, where seals are found in greater abandonment than any where else in the Falkland Islands, when they revised the following written [1 word illeg.] from
Lieut Smith.

Copy

The North and South rocks at the entrance of this Bay [1 word illeg.] the fisheries directly belonging to the colony: it is all the support that several persons have who now reside at the settlement and as these islands abound in fur seal rookeries it is my directions to all sailors and whalers that they do not interfere with their privilege given under my hand this 18th day of April 1834 Port Louis Berkeley
Sound East Falkland

Signed

W. Smith Commanding

[Addressee]

To Mr Ferguson, Monitor of the Susannah Ann Cutter
Port Louis

That being unwilling on this reason to dispute the Governors authority, your memorialist made an attempt to get seals on the sounds North rocks but sailed elsewhere in search of seals.

That meeting with little success they returned to Port Louis in the month of January 1835 after refilling at a great expense at St. Catherine and Rio de Janeiro in this [1 word illeg.], and after being informed by the Dutch Consul at the cutter [1 word illeg.], that in his opinion Lieut Smith had no authority to prevent Memorialists from sealing in any part of the Falkland Islands.

That on mentioning to Lieut Smith the Governor their intention to seal the said North and South rocks at the entrance of the Bay, they were again forbidden by him to attempt it, and upon you memorialist Samuel Thompson insisting on his right to the seals wherever he could find them, the Governor threatened to make him prisoner, and said that he would shoot him or any man that would dare to land on those rocks and that his (the Governor's) own boat carrying the British

Pendant was down there sealing, and had already received his instructions to shoot any man that would dare to land on, or take seals from the said rocks.

That the boat which the Governor called his "own" belonging to the American schooner "Eveline" and was manned partly by her crew and partly by men in the Governor's service, we having made an arrangement with the Captain of the American vessel to cooperate with him in sealing the rocks on condition of earning a share of the skins to be obtained in the joint undertaking.

That the Governor admitted in the presence of your Memorialist Ferguson that he won't accumulate a large quantity of seal skins which he was delirious of sending to England. This said Governor also told your Memorialist Ferguson that if his has comes a letter [1 word illeg.] for instead of the American schooner should have shared with him (the said Governor) the produce of the fishery.

That these circumstances in the conception of your Memorialists fully establish the fact that the said Governor carries on the seal fishery at the said Islands for his own benefit to the exclusion[?] of British Merchants from the full advantages thereof.

That your Memorialist Ferguson had several personal interviews with the said Governor with reference to the said business and that at some or one afternoon Captain Robertson, Commanding N. thus tying off the Isles, but now or lately at [1 word illeg.] was present.

That your Memorialists Ferguson and Thompson not choosing to move to extremities with the Governor immediately set sail for England and in sailing the aforesaid Lieut Roberts saw about 1500 seals, of which they could without doubt have taken a great number, if they had not been restricted from the attempt; And they calculated that from April 1834, when they were first inhabited to seal to Jan^y April 1835 when they finally quitted the Islands, they could without difficulty having taken 500 fur skins, and they estimate the loss or damage which the Owners have sustained through the conduct of Lieut Smith at loss than £1000.

That your Memorialists are ready to attest oath the facts above stated, or to attend your Lordships to give any further information respecting the [1 word illeg.].

That your Memorialists am advised that the interferences of Lieutenant Smith with their interviews were altogether illegal, and contrary to the duty of a British Governor, and that, even if there had been (and your Memorialists fully believe there were not) any persons at the Colony who defended for support upon the fisheries on the North and South Rocks, he would have no rights to confer a monopoly upon them, to the exclusion of British Merchants not resident there, much loss to [1 word illeg] such a monopoly to himself, and to serve it by threatening the British subjects with imprisonment & death if they ventured to trespass upon it; and that in any view he had no right to deny or to a British vessel which her grant to our Americans.

That your Memorialists also observed that they have a remedy by means of a Civil actions against the said Lieutenant Smith for the damages they have sustained by his misconduct, which remedy court however [1 word illeg] whilst for continues and of this jurisdiction of any Court of Justice.

That your Memorialists have already laid their complaint before his Majesty principle secretary for Colonial Affairs but have been [1 word illeg.] by your Lordships.

Your Memorialists therefore humbly pray, that your Lordships will forward to [1 word illeg.] our immediate enquiry with the conduct of this said Lieut Smith, in the particulars above aforementioned of, and that if the complaint shall serve to your Lordship well founded. Your will causes him to be recalled from his Governments in order that he may be amenable to our actions at

the sent of your Memorialists for the damages they have already sustained by his misconduct, and that they and other British Merchants may not suffer by similar misconduct for the future, or that your Lordship will give your Memorialists such other words as to your Lordships may [1 word illeg.] meet.

And your Memorialists as in duty bound with ever pray

Dated this 20th day of June 1835

Signed James Lucas
 Robert Ferguson
 Samuel Thompson

1835 (6 Feb) Letter from Rear Admiral Hamond re position of 2 islands in the Falklands [p.10]

No 6

Admiralty, 6th Feb^y 1835

Sir

I am commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to send you herewith copies of a letter and its enclosure from Captain W.E. Parry relating to the position of two islands in the neighbourhood of the Falkland Groupe, and I am to signify their Lordships direction to you to order one of his Majesty's ships proceeding from Rio de Janeiro round Cape Horn to ours some degrees of longitude in the latitude of 53°15' or 53°20' to ascertain the true position of these islands and to transmit to me a report thereof.

I am,

Sir

Your most obedient

Humble servant,

[Signature]

[Addressee]

Rear Admiral

Sir Graham E. Hamond KCB

P.S. A drawing of the islands is sent herewith.

1835 (March 28) Letter re. supplies to 12 'Indians' who had been detained after the massacre in the FI's [p.11]

No.30

Admiralty

28 March 1835

Sir,

Having laid before my Lords Commissioners of the admiralty your letter of the 30th December stating you have supplied the clothing mentioned in the other side hereof to the twelve prisoners (Indians & others) who have been detained on board the *Spartiate* on account of the massacre at the Falkland Islands, I am commanded by their lordships to signify their approval thereof.

I am sir

Your very humble servant

[Signature]

[Addressee]

Rear Admiral

Sir Graham Eden Hamond

[Signature]

Additional Notes:

Blue jackets N^o 2. — Twelve

Shoes – pairs — Five

Duck, [1 word illeg.] — One hundred & forty four (12 each)

Blankets — Three

Duplicate Letter [p.12]

1835 (May 14) Letter to Rear Admiral Hamond approving his action on sending the prisoners concerned with the massacre on the Falkland Islands back to England [p.13]

No. 44

The Admiralty 14 May 1835

Sir

Having laid before my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty your letter of the 23rd of March last No.46, reporting your having sent to England on board the *Snake* the prisoners concerned in the massacre at the Falkland Islands, with several witnesses therein named; I am commanded by their Lordships to acquaint you that they approve of your proceedings in this case.

I am Sir

Your most obedient humble servant

[Signature]

[Addressee]

Rear Admiral
Sir Graham E. Hamond B^t
Rio de Janeiro

Duplicate Letter [p.14]

**1835 (May 26) Letter to Rear Admiral Hamond thanking him for help with 5 Americans
shipwrecked on the FI's [p.15]**

United States Ship Nalchvy[?]

Harbour of Rio de Janeiro

May 26th 1835

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date, informing me of H. B. Majesty's Brig Rapid having brought to this place five disturbed American citizens of the United States, and that four of the number had been shipwrecked at the Falkland Islands, and the other, late of the American schooner Eveline, sick and helpless, and at his own request.

I pray you to believe sir, that I feel most pensibly this act of kindness and attention on the part of the officers of His Majesty's Service, in this affording relief to distressed citizens of the United States.

The commander of the Nalchvy[?] is directed to receive the men from the Rapid on board his ship.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Most Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

James Renshaw

Commanding U.S. Naval Forces on the Coast of Brazil

[Addressee]

To

Rear Admiral

Sir Graham E. Hamond,

Commander in Chief of H.B.M Ships on the Jamaican Station

1835 (June 24) Letter to Rear Admiral Hamond informing him that the Crown cannot prosecute the prisoners from the Falkland Islands & they will be returned to South America [p.16]

No 48

Admiralty

24th June 1835

Sir,

I commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to acquaint you that it appears that their Law Officers of the Crown cannot recommend the prosecution of the individuals who have been brought to England where a charge of murder committed at the Falkland Islands in August 1833, and their Lordships have therefore ordered these men with the persons detained as King's evidence to be sent back to South America by the first Packet.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant

[Signature]

[Addressee]

Rear Admiral
Sir Graham E. Hamond
Bar^t [Signature]

1835 (July 4) Letter to Rear Admiral Hamond re. complaint that 'Lt Smith R.N. prevented Sealing'
[p.17]

No. 53

Admiralty

4th July 1835

Sir,

I am commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to transmit to you herewith a copy of a memorial from the part owner & master & chief mate of the cutter Susannah Ann of London, complaining of the conduct of Lieutenant Smith R. N. in preventing her from taking seals at the Falkland Islands; and I am commanded by their Lordship to signify their direction to you to call upon Lieutenant Smith to explain his conduct upon the occasions referred to.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant

[Signature]

[Addressee]

To

Rear Admiral

Sir Graham Eden Hamond Bar^t

South America

1835 (July 8) Letter to Rear Admiral Hamond re payment to 4 Seamen employed at the FI's [p.18]

Department of the
Accountant General
Of the Navy

Admiralty, 8th July 1835.

Sir,

Mr. Samuel Wadland the Purser of his Majesty's ship Spartiate having transmitted vouchers for money paid to the four seamen employed at the Falkland Islands, on account of the allowance granted to the men in question for subsistence, by their Lordships order of the 14th August 1833—I have the honor to inform you that as it is attended with inconvenience for the Purser of the Flag ship to pay indefinite sums to those men on account or in advance of their allowance for subsistence, it will be very desirable to pay the same in full, at stated times as it may become due, completing the payments already made, to the full amount due up to the end of the month in which you receive this letter; and continuing to pay them in that manner at such periods as you may think proper—or, if advances be necessary before their allowance becomes due it would be a convenience, to which it is hoped there would be no objection, if such advances were made for specific periods to be mentioned in the receipts, instead of as at present, in gross sums without a reference to any particular period past or to come. These payments need not be charged on the ship's Master Book.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant

J _Briggs

Acc^t Gen^l of the Navy

1835 (July 19) Letter re money obtained from illegal sealers [p.19]

Captain of the Spartiate, and Senior Officer at Rio Janeiro.

Port Louis Berkeley Sound

East Falkland 19th July.

Sir,

I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of your letter on the 16th by H.M.S Blonde, and with respect to Captain Ferguson and [1 word illeg.], my journal as well as letters I sent you will show they have given me some little trouble; however I hope at last I have succeeded in putting down these lawless fellows whom I firmly believe, are only one step removed from Pirates. I have recovered the seal skins, and put the Colony in its former footing, taking care of the proceeds of beef and preserving the hides. I have now upwards of two hundred dollars in my hands, and I should like to know if Mr. Vernet should send or come himself, if I am to deliver up the property, or wait for your orders. I now carry on the concern as if I did not know such a person as Mr. Vernet, there are upwards of 300 dollars in paper money of Mr. Vernet's issuing in the hands of a Black slave, lately belonging to the [1 word illeg], by whom she has a child and to whom the money belonged. I also think it proper that Mr. Vernet should, according to his contract which I have sent you, turn it into hard dollars (one of the causes of discontent) as I am obliged to find all [1 word illeg], with the exception of Animal food; at least the paper money one of my men takes should be paid.

Signed/ Mr. Smith/ B./

1835 (Sept 7) A letter of appreciation for the help given to the crew of a French ship wrecked on the Falkland Islands by His Britannic Majesty's Officers [p.20]

No transcription as the letter is in French

1835 (Sept 19) Letter to Rear Admiral Hamond refusing permission to land in Argentina those involved in the massacre in the Falkland Is as this would acknowledge the Islands were British
[p.21]

Buenos Aires:

September 19 1835

Sir,

I regret very much that it is not in my power to act in the manner you point out in your letter of the 5th instant, with regard to the individuals concerned in the massacre at the Falkland Islands, who have been brought from Rio de Janeiro on the “Cockahice”

I am without any instructions from the Foreign Office on the subject; & being so am unwilling to open with this Government a correspondence which might ultimately lead us very far beyond the simple fact of how these men are to be disposed of.

In whom is vested the rightful possession of the Falkland Islands, is no question in England; but in this country & in the Manda Ambiental[?] it yet remains such; & disinclined as the Government here is to abandon it, I should hardly be justified, I think, in the adoption of a measure which might, by possibility, be tortured by it into some sort of an acknowledgement on my part of a right which certainly does not exist.

I cannot be too wary on their part; & feel it, therefore, to be incumbent on me; before I can act, to submit your letter for the consideration of Mr. Palmerston.

But though it does not appear to me advisable to make any official application for permission to disembark these men in these colonies. I am not aware that any difficulty would arise in allowing them to land on their own responsibility wherever an opportunity may offer; seeing indeed that the Law Officers of the Crown cannot recommend their prosecution, to give them this liberty seems surely unreasonable; and I have ventured to state as much to the Captain of the “Tablet”[?] to which ship they have been removed.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant

[Signature]

[Addressee]

Rear Admiral

Sir Graham E, Hamond

1835 (Oct 5) Letter to Viscount Palmerston from the Duc de Broglie praising the British naval Officers who helped the Crew of the Pierre Louis when wrecked in the F. I's. [p.22]

No transcription as the letter is in French

1835 (Oct 5) Cover Note to Viscount Palmerston sent with the letter from the Duc de Broglie [p.23]

Copy

No 182

Paris Oct 5th 1835

My Lord,

I have the honor to enclose to your Lordship the copy of a note which I have received from the Duc de Broglie inclosing the Copy of a letter addressed to the Minister of marine, bearing testimony to the handsome conduct of certain officers of HM's Navy, on the occasion of the shipwreck of the "Pierre Louis" July 24th 1835.

I have &

Signed, Granville

[Signature]

[Addressee]

Viscount Palmerston

1835 (Oct 10) Letter from Viscount Palmerston's Office enclosing the despatch from the British Ambassador in Paris re the wreck of the 'Pierre Louis.' [p.24]

Foreign Office

10th Oct 1835

Sir

I am directed by Viscount Palmerston to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a despatch from H M Ambassador at Paris enclosing copies of a communication made to him by the French Government respecting the conduct of certain officers of H M Navy on the occasion of the wreck of the French ship "Pierre Louis" on the 12th of February 1835 off the Falkland Islands, and also the copy of a note from the French charge' d'affaires on the same subject: and I am to request that in saying these papers before the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty you will move their Lordships to cause suitable communication to be made to the officers concerned,

I am _,

/Signed/

Mr Hemingway[?]

[Signature]

[Addressee]

Cha^s Wood Esq.

1835 (Oct 14) Letter to Rear Admiral Hamond with enclosure re the wreck of the Pierre Louis. (see over for contents sent from the Duc de Broglie) [p.25]

No 80

Admiralty

14th October 1835

Sir,

I am commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to transmit, to you herewith, a copy of a letter from the Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs with copies of the papers therein referenced to respecting the conduct of certain naval officers on the occasion of the wreck of the French ship "Pierre Louis" on the 12th February last off the Falkland Islands; and I am to desire that you will make known to the officers mentioned the communication, which has been received from the French Government.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

Humble servant,

[Signature]

[Addressee]

Rear Admiral
Sir Graham Eden Hamond Bar^t
South America

Letter from the Duc de Broglie praising the actions of the British Officers following the wreck of the Pierre Louis [p.26]

No transcription as the letter is in French

**1835 (Dec 21) Letter to Rear Admiral Hamond re landing the men concerned in the F.I's massacre
[p.27]**

No 103

Admiralty

21st December 1835

Sir,

Having laid before my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty your letter of the 7th October last, No.188, transmitting copies of a letter from his Majesty's Minister at Buenos Aires, giving his opinion as to the best mode of landing the men concerned in the Massacre at the Falkland Islands, and of your reply thereto, I am commanded by their Lordships to acquaint you that they approve thereof.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient

Humble servant

CWood [Signature]

[Addressee]

Rear Admiral

Sir G. E. Hamond Bar^t

1836 (Jan 9) Letter to Rear Admiral Hamond re payment to seamen [p.28]

Department of the
Accountant General
Of the Navy

Admiralty, 9th January 1836

Sir,

In return to your letter of the 26th Oct respecting the mode of payment of the allowance in line of provisions to the party at the Falkland Islands. I am commanded by the Lord Commissioners of the Admiralty to inform you that as the allowance in question is a compensation in lieu of provisions, its insertion on the ship's books, which should contain nothing but what relates to the men's wages would be very irregular, and is, indeed, inadmissible; as well as productive of great inconvenience and therefore their Lordships command me to request you will be so good as to carry into effect their directions, conveyed by my letter of the 8th July last, so far as the same may be practicable.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant

[Signature]

For the Acc^t Gen^l of the Navy

[Addressee]

To
Rear Admiral
Sir G. E. Hamond Bar^t
Commander in Chief
Rio de Janeiro
[Signature]

Additional Notes:

Rep^d by the Ranges ^{pc}
22 March 1836

1836 (July 14) Letter from J.H. Mandeville, Buenos Aires to Rear Admiral Hamond Warning that Lewis Vernet is returning to the Falkland Islands to kill & take wild cattle [p.29]

Buenos Ayres July 14th

1836

Sir,

I have to inform you that Mr. Lewis Vernet has acquainted me that it is his intention to return to the Falkland Islands with thirty horses and as many Gauchos for the purpose of killing and taking the wild cattle upon these islands. I have endeavoured to dissuade him from the undertaking telling him that I should protest against his going there for the purposes above mentioned, until he had received the permission of his Majesty's Government to do so.

Whether he will adopt or decline my advice, I am not able to tell you and under these circumstances I have thought it right to apprise you of the possibility of Mr. Vernet's embarking in this enterprise.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient humble servant

Handerville[?]

[Signature]

[Addressee]

To

Rear Admiral Sir Graham Hamond

K.B.

Additional Notes:

Rep^d at Rio de Janeiro 2 August 1834 by their Master Packect

1849 (Aug 23) Letter to Sir Francis (Jackson?) from William Hooker, Kew Gardens explaining the Falkland Island Tussock Grass is called *Dactylis Cospitosa* and now grows well in the Hebrides
[p.30]

Royal Gardens,

Kew, Aug 23 1849.

My Dear Sir Francis,

The Falkland Island tussock grass is *Dactylis Cospitosa*: of which a plant or plants shall be at your service or the service of any of your friends whenever you may wish for them. I would only ob:

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