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Letters concerning the Falkland Islands.

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[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 W.J. 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.

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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 Aires as H. M. Consul General, 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 conciliatory 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 Aires, and presented to 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.

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John Harratt
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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 Lucero, Gaceta Mercantil, British Packet, and Cosmopolitan.

(Signed)

Wm. P. Orr
20th January 1832

Resolutions proposed by
The British Residents
on Amherst's leaving
Amherst after in 1832.

Copy

Beauchene Island Agob

Memorandum

The Position of Beauchene's Island to the Southward of the Falkland Group 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 "Aricans." There is however good reason for believing, that this distance is much too little. Lieut. (Capt. 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 at the time. "This Island is laid down "25 to 30 too near the Aricans; we passed "between them in the Pin and when "Beauchene's Ist bore N.E. true, 8 to 9 leagues "distant, the land on the other side was "not in sight from the Masthead."

J. H.

Copy

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J. —

It appears highly probable, therefore, that Beauchene's Island lies as far to the Southward as $53^{\circ} 15'$ or $53^{\circ} 20'$.

But, besides that Island, there is another in the Spanish Charts about Lat. $54^{\circ} 9'$ and Long. $59^{\circ} 36' W$, marked in Neel's Chart published by Noon, 1826, Island of the Spanish Charts, doubtful.

The following Extract from a Letter addressed to the Admiralty by Lieut. Thos Burwood, R.N. dated Gunderud 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
 "S. by W. at most distance 7 or 8 leagues; its
 "Latitude by us $54^{\circ} 09'$ South, Longitude
 " $59^{\circ} 36'$ West, it being noticed in No. 11
 "Chart as laid down in the Spanish,
 "but

"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^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 H. M. Ships
 passing that way.

Signed) W. C. Barry
 Rio de Janeiro
 Aug^t. 15th 1834

W. C. Barry

JOSEPH GIBBS

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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 Group, which lie directly in the track between our new Settlement in Berkeley Sound and Cape Horn.

It being of importance to ascertain their true position, I gave a Copy of this Memorandum to Captain Tuck, Senior Officer at Rio de Janeiro in August last.

I have &c
Signed W. E. Parry
Capt. R.N.

To J. Barron Esq^r
Admiralty

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I have &c

Respect W^m Parry
Capt. R. N.

To
J^o Barron Esq^r

Admiralty

Copy

A 1026

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Foreign Office

February 12 1835.

Sir

In returning to you the original Papers which accompanied your Letter to Sir George Shee 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 concurs 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

John Barrow Esq.



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John Barrow Esq.

[Handwritten signature]

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 expedient 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) Graham

Retain

A 102
at 6a

10 May 35

Admiralty

14th February 1835

No 10

Sir,

I am commanded by my Lords
Commissioners of the Admiralty
19 July 1834. to transmit to You herewith a
Copy of a Letter from Lieutenant
William Smith 181 to the late
Commander in Chief on the South
American Station, and also a

12 Feb 1835. Copy of a Letter from the Under
Secretary of State for Foreign
Affairs relative to the Claim of
M^r. Louis Veruet to certain
Property in the Falkland Islands;

and I am to signify their Lordships

Rear Admiral

direction

Sir Graham Eden Hamond

Bar. & K. C. B.

South America,

GRH

Return

A 103
at 60

10 May 35

Admiralty

11th February 1835

No 10

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direction

Sir Graham Eden Harbour

Mar. 1st 1835

South America

GH

direction to You to cause the
Private Account of M^r. Kermet,
to be settled.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble servant,

Edw Dawson

Recd by Lapwing 13 May 1835

A 110.5
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No 12

Admiralty, 25th Feb 1835

Sir

Having laid before my Lords
Commissioners of the Admiralty your Letter
of the 10th 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 intention.

I am Sir

Your most obedient

humble servant

Dear Admt Sir Graham L. Hamonds.

St. J. St.

Sir de Janeiro

Wm. D. Smith

W.D.

Recd by Lapwing 13 May 1835

A 10.5
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No 22

Admiralty 25th Feby 1835

Sir

Having laid before my Lords
Commissioners of the Admiralty your Letter
of the 15th of December last N^o 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 intention.

I am Sir

Your most obedient

humble servant

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Dear Adm^l Sir Graham & Kamonds
Adm^l B.
Sec^y de Janerio

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No. 12

14 March 35
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Admiralty.

25th Feb 1835.

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 intention

I am

Sir

Your most obedient
humble servant

R. M. D. 1835

Dear Admiral

Sir G. E. Hammond B. N. C. B.

Rio Janeiro.

Duplicate
No. 12

14th March 35
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Admiralty.

25th July 1835.

Sir

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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
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I am

Sir

Your most obedient
humble servant.

R. N. D. W. S. A.

Dear Admiral

Sir G. E. Hammond B. N. C. B.

Rio Janeiro.

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To The Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admirals etc.

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 Letter Succumbah Arm of London.

Sheweth

That your Memorialists Ferguson and Thompson being on a voyage in the Succumbah, came to the South Sea in quest of fur seal skins arrived, in the Month of April 1834 at Port Louis in the Falkland Islands of which Lieutenant Smith R.N. 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 Berkeley Sound, where seals are found in greater abundance than any where else in the Falkland Islands, when they received the following written prohibitions from Lieut Smith.

Copy.

The North and South Rocks at the entrance of this Bay is considered the Fisheries directly belonging to this Colony; it is all the support that several persons have who now reside at the settlement, and as these Islands abound in our seal Stockies it is my direction to all Sealers and Whalers that they do not interfere with their privilege.

To Mr Ferguson, Master of the Succumbah Arm Letter Port Louis

Given under my hand this 10th day of April 1834
Port Louis Berkeley Sound Great Falkland
signed W. Smith, Commanding at these Isles

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To His Right Honourable the Lord Commissioner for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral &c.

The humble Memorial of the undersigned James Lucas, a Boat Owner, Robert Ferguson a Boat Owner and Master and Samuel Thompson Chief Mate of the Letter Buss named Anne of London.

Sheweth

That your Memorialists Ferguson and Thompson being on a voyage in the Sloop named Anne to the South Sea in quest of fur seal skins arrived, in the Month of April 1734 at Port Louis in the Falkland Islands of which Lieutenant Smith R.S. is the British Governor or Commandant.

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To Mr Ferguson, Master
of the Sloop named Anne Letter
Port Louis

Given under my hands this 10th day of April 1734
Port Louis Berkeley Sound Great Falkland
Signed
W. Smith, Commanding at this Settlement

That being unwilling on this occasion to dispute the
Governor's authority, your Memorialists made an attempt to get seals
on the said North and South Rocks, but sailed elsewhere in search
of seals.

That meeting with little success they returned to Port Louis
in the month of January 1825 after refitting at a great expense at
St Catherine and Des de France in this Voyage, and after being informed
by the District Council at the latter place, that, in his opinion, Lieut
Smith had no authority to prevent your Memorialists from sealing in any
part of the Falkland Islands.

That on intimating 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 when your Memorialists
Samuel Thompson insisting on his right to take seals whenever 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 "Celine" and was manned partly by his crew and
partly by men in the Governor's service, he having made an arrangement
with the Captains of the American vessels to co-operate with him in sealing
the Rocks on condition of having a share of the skins to be obtained in
the joint undertaking.

That the Governor admitted in the presence of your Memorialists
Arguison that he had accumulated a large quantity of seal skins which
was desirous of sending to England. The said Governor also told
your

your Memorialist Ferguson that if he had come a letter earlier he instead of the American Schooner should have shared with him (the said Governor) the produce of the fishery.

That these circumstances in the execution of your Memorialists fully establish the fact that the said Governor carried 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 of them Captain Robertson, Commissioner H. de S. Snodden, then lying off the said Isles, but now or lately at Sheerick was present.

That your Memorialist Ferguson and Thompson not choosing to come to extremities with the Governor immediately set sail for England and in making the aforesaid South Rocks saw about 1000 Seals, of which they could without doubt have taken a great number, if they had not been restricted from the attempt; And they calculate that from April 1834, when they were first prohibited to sail up to Jan'y 1835 when they finally quitted the Islands, they could without difficulty have taken 500 fur skins, and they estimate the loss or damage which the Governor has sustained through the conduct of Lord Smith at not less than £1000.

That your Memorialists are ready to attest upon oath the facts above stated, or to attend your Lordships to give any further information respecting the same.

Robert

That your Memorialists are advised that the interference of Lieutenant Smith with their enterprise was 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 depended for support upon the fisheries on the North and South coasts, he would have no right to confer a monopoly upon them, to the exclusion of British Merchants not residents there, much less to grant such a monopoly to himself, and to secure it by threatening British Subjects with imprisonment or death, if they ventured to break upon it; and that in any case he had no right to deny or privilege to a British Subject which he granted to an American.

That your Memorialists are therefore also advised that they have a remedy by means of a civil action against the said Lieutenant Smith for the damage they have sustained by his misconduct, which remedy cannot however be prosecuted whilst he continues out of the jurisdiction of any Court of Justice.

That your Memorialists have already laid their complaints before His Majesty's principal Secretary of State for Colonial Affairs but have been referred by him to your Lordships.

Your Memorialists therefore humbly pray, that your Lordships will be pleased to institute an immediate enquiry into the conduct of the said Lieut Smith, in the particulars above complained of, and that if the complaints shall

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shall seem to your Lordships well founded. Your will
causes him to be recalled from his Government in order
that he may become amenable to our actions at the suit
of your Memorialists for the damage 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 Lordships will
give your Memorialists such other relief as to your
Lordships may seem meet.

And your Memorialists as in duty bound
with ever pray &c

Dated this 20th day of June 1835.

signed

James Lucas

Robert Ferguson

Samuel Thompson.

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10. May 1835

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at

Admiralty, 6th Feb 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 Sir E. Parry
relating to the position of two Islands
in the neighbourhood of the Falkland
Group, and I am to signify their
Lordships directions to you to order
one of His Majesty's Ships proceeding
from Rio de Janeiro round Cape Horn

to run some — Degrees of

Rear Admiral

Sir Graham E. Hamond R.N.

Longitude

GH

N^o 6. Action

10. May 1835

1835
at

Admiralty, 6th Feb 1835.

Sir

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 Commissioners of the Admiralty to send
 you herewith copies of a Letter and
 its enclosure from Captain Sir P. Parry
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 from Rio de Janeiro round Cape Horn

to run some — Degrees of

Dear Admiral

Longitude

Sir Graham P. Hammond R^t M^o S^o

GPH

Longitude in the Latitude of $53^{\circ} 15'$
or $53^{\circ} 20'$, to ascertain the true position
of these Islands and to transmit to
me a Report thereof.

Yours, Sir

Your most obedient

humble servant,

John Dawson

P.S. A Drawing of the
Islands is sent herewith.



No 30
Recd by Shepherd
30 May

A 139

Admiralty
20th March 1835

30 May

Sir

Having laid before my Lords
Commissioners of the Admiralty
your letter of the 30th December
stating that you have supplied
the clothing mentioned on
the other side hereof to the
twelve persons (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

Wm Druitt

Dear Admiral

Sir John Eden Hammond
Bart. K.C.S.

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No 30

*Shelton
W. H. M. H.*

A 139

Admiralty
28th March 1835

30 May

Sir

Having laid before my Lords
Commissioners of the Admiralty
your letter of the 30th December
stating that you have supplied
the clothing mentioned on
the other side hereof to the
twelve persons (Indians & others)
who have been detained on
board the Sparthate on account
of the Mafaree at the
Falkland Islands, I am
commanded by their Lordships
to signify their approval
thereof.

I am Sir

Your very humble servant

Wm. D. W. D.

Dear Admiral

Sir Graham Eden Hammond
Bar. K.C.S.

— — —

W. H. M. H.

Blue jackets No. 2. — Twelve

Shoes — pairs — Five

Duck, Furds — One Hundred & forty four (12 each)

Blankets — Three.

Duplicate

No 30.

Admiralty

28th March 1835

Sir

Having laid before my
Lords Commissioners of the
Admiralty your letter of the
30th December stating that you
have supplied the Clothing
mentioned on the other side
being to the twelve persons
(Indians & others) who have
been detained 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

Robt. Ross

Rear Admiral

Sir Graham Eden Hammond

Bath. 20th 3

Duplicate
#30.

Admiralty
28th March 1835

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Having laid before my
Lords Commissioners of the
Admiralty your letter of the
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mentioned on the other side
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Robt Ross

Dear Admiral

Sir Graham Eden Hammond
Bark. Ross?

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 Shoes - pairs — Five
 Quack, Tards — One Hundred and
 forty four (12 each).
 Blankets — Three

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

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No. 44

15 July 1835

The Admiralty 14 May 1835

Sir

Having laid before my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty your letter of the 23rd of March last No. 146, reporting your having sent to England on board the Snake the persons concerned in the massacre at the Falkland Islands, with the 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

Chas. B. ...

Rear Admiral

Sir Graham E. Hamond B. N. B.
Rio de Janeiro

No. 44.

15 July 1835

The
Admiralty 14 May 1835-

Sir

Having laid before my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty your letter of the 23^d of March last No. 46, reporting your having sent to England on board the *Snake* the persons concerned in the massacre at the Southland Islands, with the 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

Dear Admiral

 Sir Graham E. Hamond B. N. B. }
 Rio de Janeiro — }

Chas. H.

(Duplicate)

N^o 44

Admiralty 14 May 1835.

Sir

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I am

Sir

Your most obedient
humble servant

Rear Admiral

Jos. Graham Esq. Commanding B^o N^o 46.
Rio de Janeiro.

Booby

(Duplicate)

N^o 44

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Booby

Dear Admiral

Jos Graham Esq. Command^g B^y N^o 46.
Rio de Janeiro - }

26 May

A 123

United States Ship Natchez
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 distressed 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 Eoline, sick and helpless, and brought at his own request,

I pray you to believe Sir, that I feel most sensibly this act of kindness and attention, on the part of the officers of His Majesty's Service, in thus affording relief to distressed Citizens of the United States,

The Commanders of the Natchez 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

To
Rear Admiral
Sir, Graham E. Hamond,
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of H. B. M. Ships on
the S. American Station

No 48

A107

Admiralty

24th June 1835.

3rd Lt Swallow

Sir,

I commanded by my Lords Commis-
sioners of the Admiralty to acquaint you that
it appears that the Law Officers of the Crown
cannot recommend the prosecution of the
individuals who have been brought to England
upon a charge of murder committed at the
Falkland Islands in August 1833, and
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Crosby

Dear Admiral

Sir Graham E. Hammond

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N^o 53

Recd by [unclear] 30th July 1835

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Admiralty

4th July 1835

Sir,

26th June 1835
28th

I am commanded by my Lords
Commissioners of the Admiralty
to transmit to You herewith a
copy of a Memorial from the
part owners & Master of the
of the latter 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
Lordships to signify their direction

Rear Admiral

Sir Graham Edenham Bart. &c. &c.
South America

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N^o 53

*Recd by Capt. ...
31st July 1835*

Admiralty
11th July 1835

Sir,

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Commissioners of the Admiralty
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Rear Admiral

to

Sir Graham Edenham Bart. & K. B.
South America

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to You to call upon Lieutenant
Smith to explain his conduct
upon the occasions referred to.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient &
humble servant,

Chas. K.

Department of the
Accountant General
of the Navy.

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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 Allowances 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 if you can
make arrangements to pay the same
in full, at stated times as it may
become due, completing the payments

already

To Rear Admiral

Sir J. E. Hamond Bart. KCB

Commander in Chief

or
Rio de Janeiro

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Department of the
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To Rear Admiral already
Sir J. E. Hamond Bart. KCB
Commander in Chief
Rio de Janeiro

W. H.

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 this 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 Muster Book.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient

humble Servant

J. P. Riggs

Act. Secy. of the Navy

CLARK & CO
1884

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Extract

Robert Tait

Captain of the *Maritime*, and Senior Officer
at Rio Janeiro.

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Port Louis Berkeley Sound
East Falkland 19th July.

Sir

They leave to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter on the 16th by Mr
J. Bloude, and with respect to Captains
Perquison and Nash, my Journal as well
as letters 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 on 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. Cornet 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. Cornet, there
are upwards of 500 dollars in paper money
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Captain of the *Maritime*, and Senior Officer
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should like to know if Mr. Veruel 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. Veruel. There
are upwards of 500 dollars in paper money
of

of Mr. Vermet's issuing in the hands of a
Black Slave, lately belonging to the
Cahitaz, by whom she has a child and
to whom the money belonged. I also think
it proper that Mr. Vermet should, according
to his contract which I have sent you, turn
it into hard dollars, (one of the causes of
disscontent) as I am obliged to find all
necessaries, with the exception of animal
food; at least the paper money one of
my men takes should be paid.

Signed / W. Smith. (B.)

Copy.

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Ministère
de la Marine

et des Colonies

Copie d'une lettre adressée
le 7 Sept^r 1835 à M. le Ministre de
la Marine par le S^r Seminal (Achille
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à V. E. la manière généreuse avec
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sous mes ordres avons été accueillis
et traités par les Officiers de S. M. B.
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Le 24 Fevrier dans la Matinée
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pendant un coup de vent de Nord
 et surtout par l'effet d'une brume
 épaisse qui ne me permit de
 reconnaître la position où l'on avait
 entraîné la force des courans que
 trop tard pour pouvoir me relever
 au vent, je me vis jeté au milieu
 des renifs où bientôt mon bâtiment
 fit naufrage.

J'ai la conscience M le
 Ministre d'avoir fait dans cette
 circonstance de ~~saturne~~ tout ce
 qu'il était humainement possible
 de faire soit pour prévenir le
 danger ou le surmonter, soit pour
 en éviter les plus déplorables
 conséquences.

Mon bâtiment a été totale-
 ment perdu; mais, j'ai eu le
 bonheur de sauver au milieu
 d'une

d'une mer affreuse un équipage nombreux et d'adoucir autant qu'il a dépendu de moi, sa situation vraiment désespérée. J'ai pour récompense de mes efforts et pour gage de l'entier accomplissement de mon devoir, le témoignage de tous les hommes placés sous mes ordres.

Immédiatement après mon naufrage, dès que j'eus obtenu l'ordre pour le tems de mon absence, et tout disposé pour que mon équipage eut le moins à souffrir sur une terre inhabitée de la disette et de l'intempérie, je me rendis à 90 milles du lieu du naufrage à Port Louis, seul établissement qui se trouve sur les Malouines. Je fis mon rapport de sinistre à Monsieur le

Le Lieutenant de Vaisseau Anglais
Henry Smith remplissant les
 fonctions de Gouverneur.

Cet honorable Officier
 m'accueillit avec la bienveillance
 la plus affectueuse, et pendant
 74 jours que je mis resté sur
 l'île au milieu de mon équipage
M. Smith n'a cessé de me prodiguer
 tous les secours dont j'avais besoin.

Sous sa fraternelle protection
 je prêtai une Goëlette Américaine
 que se trouvait dans ces parages,
 pour sauver tout ce qu'il était
 possible du naufrage; mais cette
 Goëlette se perdit totalement
 auprès de mon navire naufragé
 et le Capitaine de ce bâtiment
 n'a survécu que deux jours à ce
 sinistre;

ministre; enfin, par une série de malheurs, une autre petite Goëlette Anglaise, que j'allais utiliser dans l'intérêt de mes commettans a été dématée de ses deux mâts à côté des deux navires brisés.

Arrivé à Port Louis dans le deuil le plus complet.

M. Smith m'offrit avec empressement des effets pour me vêtir me prêta deux maisons pour mon équipage que jusque là j'avais fait camper sur la côte du naufrage me donna l'hospitalité dans sa propre maison, et partagea généreusement sa table avec moi et mon second.

N'ayant point de fond pour lui payer la viande qu'il m'a fournie pour mon équipage pendant le séjour dans l'île, je

je n'ai acquitté de cette dette
 au moyen d'une traite sur M.
 le Consul Général de France à
 Rio Janeiro; mais ce que je n'ai
 pu acquitter, et ce que supplie
 V. E. d'acquitter au nom de mon
 Pays envers ce digne Citoyen, c'est
 la Dette de notre sincère recon-
 naissance.

Mais ce n'est pas seulement
 envers cet Officier distingué que
 moi et mon équipage devons
 nous rendre reconnaissans;
 car nous n'avons pas moins à
 nous louer de M. Le Lieut. Patent
 Commandant de Brick de guerre
 Anglais le Rapide, à bord du
 quel nous sommes revenus à
 Rio Janeiro, et qui, pendant
 toute la traversée nous a comblés
 des

des soins les plus touchans -

Les Officiers de ce Bâtiment

non seulement nous ont donné
place à leur table, mais même
ils n'ont voulu recevoir aucun
de donagement, nous déclarant,
que des Français naufragés
étaient des frères, et qu'à cet égard
ils étaient heureux d'avoir fait
pour nous ce qu'en pareil cas
nous aurions fait pour eux -

M. le Capitaine de vaisseau
Moulac, Commandant de la
Frégate Française La Flore, auquel
j'eus l'honneur d'adresser de
suite mon rapport, a bien voulu
déjà remercier M. l'Amiral
Anglais Sir Graham Hamond
sur la manière cordiale et

disintéressée

avec laquelle des compatriotes
 ont constamment traité les
 naufrages du Pont Louis lorsque
 après ce premier devoir rempli,
 je me presentai à l'Amiral Anglais pour régler la
^{de paille et de papier} ~~le~~ ~~prix~~ du rapage de mon
 équipage, il déchira ma lettre
 de change et me répondit que
 la Nation Anglaise ne fait pas
 payer l'hospitalité aux infortunés.

Il ajouta qu'il était flatté
 d'apprendre de ma bouche, que
 les Officiers de S. M. B. n'avaient
 pas même voulu recevoir de
 remerciemens pour les services
 qu'ils nous avaient rendus.

"Quant à vous, Capitaine
 Seminal (est-il la bienveillance
 de me dire en me serrant

serrant affectueusement la main)
 "je prends vivement part à vos
 malheurs, L'intérêt que M Henry
 Smith vous porte si justement,
 d'après le rapport qu'il m'a
 fait de votre honorable conduite
 vous attire toute mon estime,
 et si vous avez besoin de moi
 vous pouvez hardiment me
 réclamer -"

Permettez moi M. le Ministre
 d'ajouter que de son côté M le
 Commandant Moulac a fait
 tout ce qui était en son pouvoir
 pour n'être utile -

Dans mon malheur c'est
 une consolation pour moi que
 de lui payer ici un tribut de
 vive reconnaissance, et de
 servir en outre, d'interprète
 aux

aux sentimens que ce digne
Officier a pu inspirer à tous nos
Capitaines de Commerce -

Tels sont les faits que j'ai
eu devoir porter à la connois-
sance de V. E. -

Par là je ne m'acquitte
encore que bien faiblement de
la dette de cœur envers les esti-
mable Officiers qui m'ont
recouru dans mon malheur.

Heureux, M. le Ministre, si
ma Conduite peut me valoir
votre précieuse approbation, et
si vous daignez m'en

(signé) A. Seminel

Havre le 7 Sept. 1835





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1835 (Sept 19th) 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. 21

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Buenos Ayres:

September 19, 1835.

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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 in the "Rockabico."

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

Rear Admiral
Sir Graham B. Hamond, Bart. R.N.
C. C. C.

Buenos Ayres:

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Cachalatin bona

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Yours Admiral

Edmund P. Ker

Edmund P. Ker

ultimately lead us very far beyond
the simple fact, how they may
now 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 Banda Oriental,
it yet remains such; & disinterested
as the Government here is to abandon
it, I should hardly be justified,
I think, in the adoption of measures
which might, by possibility, be
viewed by It into some sort of
an acknowledgment on my part of
a right which certainly does not
exist.

I cannot be too wary on this
point; & 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
 territories, I am not aware that
 any difficulty would arise in
 allowing them to land, on their
 own responsibility, whenever an
 opportunity may offer. Seeing,
 indeed, that the Law Officers of
 the Crown cannot recommend their
 prosecution, to give them this liberty
 seems scarcely unreasonable; and
 I have ventured to state as much
 to the Captain of the "Tahiti," to
 which ship they have been
 removed.

I have the honour to be,
 Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble servant:

Alexander Hamilton

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Copie.

Manchester Square

le 8 Oct^r 1835

My Lord,

Le naufrage d'un baleinier
Français "Le Pierre Louis", du
Havre qui s'est perdu le 12 Février
dernier sur l'une des Iles Malouines,
a fourni aux Officiers de la Marine
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titres tout spéciaux à la reconnaiss-
-ance du Gov^t Français. -

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ainsi qu'aux 34 hommes qui
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 navire; embarqués ensuite par
 ses soins sur le brick de guerre
 le "Rapide" qui les a transportés
 à Rio Janeiro, nos Marins ont
 trouvé à bord de ce bâtiment,
 commandé par M^e le Lieutenant,
 de vaisseau Patent, l'hospitalité
 la plus généreuse; enfin, Sir
 Graham Hamond, commandant
 les forces navales de S. M. Britan-
 -nique dans les mers du Brésil,
 s'est refusé à recevoir le
 remboursement, tant des effets
 fournis aux naufragés par

le Gouverneur de Malouines que
des frais de leur passage
jusqu'à Rio Janeiro.

Notre chargé d'Affaires au
Brésil s'est déjà rendu auprès
de Sir Graham Hamond l'interprète
du Gov.^t du Roi, mais je suis
chargé, my Lord, de transmettre
directement à Votre Excellence
tous ses remerciements pour
la conduite généreuse du
Contre Amiral Sir Graham
Hamond et des Lieut.^s de
vaisseau Smith et Patent,
afin que l'Amirauté Britannique
veuille bien leur en témoigner,
à

à son tour, sa satisfaction.

Isaiah Peas

(Signed) Bour Gueney

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 His Majesty's Navy, on the occasion of the shipwreck of the "Pierre Louis" Feb^y 24th 1835.

I have &c.
Siquid Granville.

Viscount Palmerston

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Viscount Palmerston

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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 laying these Papers before the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty you will move their Lordships to cause suitable communications to be made to the officers concerned.

I am Sir,

(Signed) W. Fox Strangways

Chas Wood Esq

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(Signed) W^m Fox Maury

Chas Wood recd

N^o 80 *Rear Admiral Hamond*
W. B. B.

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Admiralty

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17th 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 referred
to respecting the Conduct of
certain Naval Officers on the
occasion of the Wreck of the

Rear Admiral

French

Sir Graham Eden Hamond Bart.

W. B. B.

South America

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No 80 *By the Hon. Secy*

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R.C.B.

South America

MS

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,

J. Barron



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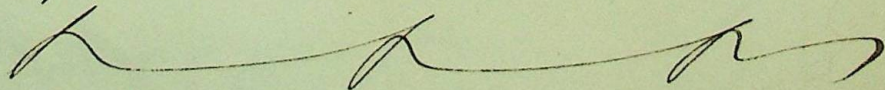
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tous les bons offices, tous les soins
 bienveillants et généreux, qui
 lui ont été prodigués ainsi
 qu'aux hommes de son équipage
 par M. le Lieutenant de Vaisseau,
 Anglais Henry Smith, remplissant
 les fonctions de Gouverneur
 aux Iles Malouines, par M.
 le Lieut. Patent, Capitaine du
 Brick de la Marine Royal le
Rapide, et par les Officiers de ce
 Bâtiment, enfin par M.
 l'Amiral Anglais Sir Graham
Hamond.

M. le Ministre de la
 Marine a désiré que sa réclamation
 fut

fut portée à la connaissance du
Cabinet Britannique, je m'empresse
M. l'Ambassadeur de donner
suite au vœu qu'il m'exprime
à cet égard.

Je prie Votre Excellence de
faire parvenir la pièce ci-jointe
à son Gov^t qui trouvera
sans doute convenable de
transmettre aux Officiers qui
se sont honorés par d'aussi
nobles procédés envers les
Français du "Pierre Louis"
l'expression de la gratitude et
de l'estime du Gov^t du Roi.

Signé "Broglie".

Paris le Oct^r 1835.

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No 103
Recd by the Chief of the
by the Officer in Charge
4th March

A. 377
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Admiralty

21st December 1835.

Sir,

Having laid before my Lords Commis-
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letter from His Majesty's Minister at Buenos
Ayres, 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

C. Wood

Rear Admiral
Sir G. E. Hamond Bart
K. C. B.

[Handwritten initials]

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4 March

A. 397

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1836 (Jan 9th) Letter to Rear Admiral Hamond re. payment to seamen.

Department of the
Accountant General
of the Navy.

Recd by Mr. Rogers 10th March 1836

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A. 370

Admiralty, 9th January 1836

Sir,

In return to your letter of the 26th Oct^r last respecting the mode of payment of the allowance in lieu of Provisions to the Party at the Falkland Islands. I am commanded by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to inform you that as the allowance in question is a compensation in lieu of Provisions, its insertion on the Ships 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 5th July last, so far as the same may be practicable.

I have the honor to be

Sir, Your most obedient
humble servant

Robert

for the Acct. Genl. of the Navy

To
Rear Admiral

Sir G. C. Hamond, Bart. K. C. B.
Commander in Chief

W. P.
Rio de Janeiro

Department of the
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I have the honor to be

Sir, Your most obedient
humble servant

Richard

for the Acc^t Gen^l of the Navy

To
Rear Admiral

Sir G. C. Hammond Bart. & Co
Commander in Chief

Rio de Janeiro

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

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Recd by the Post Office by the Post Packet 1836

Buenos Ayres July 14th
1836

Sir,

I have to inform you that Mr Lewis Vernet has & acquainted me that it 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
To Rear Admiral Sir Graham Hamond }
K. B. }
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Recd by the British Consular Office
by the Foster Packet
2 August 1836

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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. Vermet's embarking in this enterprise.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Yours

Your most obedient
Humble Servant

H. Handeville.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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

Royal Gardens,

Kew. Aug. 23. 1849.

My dear Sir Francis

The Falkland
Island Tussock
Grass is Dactylis
cespitosa: of which
a plant or plants
shall be at your
service on the ser-
vice of any of
your friends when-
ever you may
wish for them.
I would only ob:

