

Government office.
Falkland Islands.
31st March 1871.

Sir,
I have to draw your serious attention to the fact that the purchase money of your house, and land which fell due on the 11th instant has not been paid.

2. I have also to add that this neglect leaves you liable to a forfeiture of your house and land.

I am &c.
A. H. Byng.

W. S. Pimm.
Stanley.

JANE CAMERON NATIONAL ARCHIVES
D14 WRECK OF THE DENBY

Government House.
Stanley. Falkland Islands.
31st March 1871. —

Sir,
I have the honour to report that some of the crew of the schooner "Pene" found on the 10th January last, on Atlas Point in Patagonia about 60 miles south of the Chupat river, the remains of a man supposed to have been dead about a year, the only property found, except his clothing much torn, consisted of a silver watch N^o. 25.280 = John Hughes of Carnarvon

Carnarvon, maker and a jack knife with the initials D.S. cut on the handle.

2. The remains and torn clothes were buried on the 5th March by the crew of the "Irene" beneath the spot where the body was found.

3. Evidence has been taken before the Chief Magistrate of this settlement, and a minute made of the occurrence.

4. I venture to suggest the necessity of your communicating with the Welsh settlement on the Chupat on the subject, — gold it is reported has been found near Atlas Point, and the crew of the "Irene" suppose the deceased to have been a settler from that colony, in search of gold, who probably died of starvation.

I have &c
Y^{rs} G. D'Arcy.
Governor.

To Major J. St. John Munro
H.B.M.'s Consul
at Montevideo.

&c

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Monte Video 14 April 1871

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of Your Excellency's Despatch of 31 March last in which Your Excellency mentioned the fact of the remains of a man supposed to have been one of the Chupat colony having been found by some of the crew of the Irene on Atlas point in Patagonia on the 10th of Jan^{ry} last

I have forwarded a copy of

His Excellency

Colonel Percy

do do do do

Your

Your Excellency's Despatch to Her
Majesty's Charge d'affaires at Buenos
Aires, from whence I believe there is
occasional communication with the
Chupat colony

I have the honour to make known
to Your Excellency. that A M Ship
"Craker" left Monte Video about 15
days ago for the coast of Patagonia.
Commander Dennistown having
received the Instruction of the Senior
officer on the station to report upon
the

The condition of the Chapat Colony

I have the honour to be

Your Excellency's

most obedient

humble servant

J. J. J. J. J.

JANE CAMERON NATIONAL ARCHIVES
H29 WRECK OF THE DENBY

Monte Video

May 3rd 1871

To the Governor of the Falk-
land Islands—

Sir,—

Capt. Wright of the schooner
"Irene" has informed me that
some three months ago he found
human remains to the southward
of our Welsh Colony of Chupat,
on the coast of Patagonia, and
that he has deposited a watch
found therewith with the au-
thorities of the Falkland Islands.
On behalf of the colonists, may
I beg the favour of having the
maker's name and number of
such watch forwarded to me
as early as possible, as it

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May give a clue to the fate
of our long missing craft, and
her crew of six men.

Having this occasion of addressing
your Excellency, may I also draw
your attention to a communication
of mine, dated 20th May, 1870, com-
plaining of the depredations com-
mitted at New Bay by some of the
sealing cruisers frequenting the
Falkland Islands. On further enquiry
I find that not only did they
destroy our huts, and carry away
some 2,000 ft. of new lumber be-
longing to me, but also pit-saw
tools, and numerous other articles.
Of course, we cannot prove who
were the actual culprits: none
but sealing vessels ever call at
said port, and one of them was
seen in the Bay during the
week when these depredations
were committed. It was a cruel
act towards a struggling Colony

of their own countrymen. I am informed that all these vessels are under the English flag, and in a small community like that of the Falkland Islands possibly the offenders may be traced, and punished.

I have not thought it my duty to inform the Argentine Government of these injuries, relying upon your Excellency to honourably redress our wrongs, and see we are not molested in the future.

I have the honour to remain
Your Ex.'s obedient servant

R. Jones
Government Agent for the
Malak Colony.

Address:—

"Standard" office
Buenos Ayres
for 3 months.

Buenos Aires, 18 June 1871

To His Excellency the Governor
of the Falkland Islands.
Colonel D'Arcy.

Sir—

I received G. E.'s letter of the 31st ultimo, with its enclosures, and beg to return my thanks for the attention thus shown.

Mr. Mac Donnell, H. M. Charge d'Affaires here had previously shown me your despatch concerning the human remains found near our Colony; and being thus in communication with him, I have addressed my replies to him, which he will communicate to you by this same mail.

Again thanking G. E., on behalf of the Welsh Colony, for thus ~~has~~ attending so prompt and kind to its appeal.

I have the honor to remain
G. E.'s obedient servant

R. Jones

Agent for the Colony

Buenos Aires,
20th June, 1871

Sir,
I have the honour to inclose
herewith for Your Excellency's information
copies of two letters addressed to me
by Mr. Jones the Director of the Welsh
Colony of Chupat.

Inclosure No. 1 has reference
to the Remains of a Man, found by
the crew of the vessel 'Truie', on the
Coast of Patagonia; and which appear
to be those of the Colonist, wrecked
some time

Excellency

Colonel D'Orey

Governor of the Falkland Islands.

some time before, in a verbal communication
to the Colony. Should Your Excellency
therefore deem the evidence, adduced
by Mr. Jones, sufficient to entitle
him to a restitution of the Watch,
found by the crew of the Truro, I
shall be happy to receive the same
for delivery to Mr. Jones.

*Note. Letter from
His Excellency
Colonel Skry to
Major Munn,
referred to me by
the latter.*

Enclosure No: 2 relates to
certain depredations, committed by
the crews of vessels, from the Falkland
Islands. Though fully aware, that
Your Excellency has taken every
measure in Your power to prevent
the recurrence of similar acts, I
would nevertheless take the liberty of
again bringing this matter to Your

Excellency's

Skry

JANE CAMERON NATIONAL ARCHIVES

H29 WRECK OF THE DENBY

Buenos Aires,
19th June, 1871

Sir,

On the 9th instant You kindly showed me the Despatch of the Governor of the Falkland Islands, dated 31st March, 1871, (a copy of which I have since received from His Excellency) in reference to the Remains of a Man, found some 60 miles South of our Welsh Colony, on the Chapat, near which were a Silver Watch and jack-knife.

The watch gives a perfect clue to the identity of the Remains; being that of one of the crew of our schooner 'Denby', missing since 1868. The watch belongs to a Colonist;

Wm S. MacBride Esquire
His Majesty's Charge d'affaires

a colonist, of the name of Steph. Hughes formerly of Cairnswell, who had entrusted it to my charge, for repair at Patapms, and which I sent back in the schooner, in the care of George Jones, one of the crew. It may be, the initials on the pick-knife were also intended for G. J. or S. D., another of the crew.

On my return to the colony, we shall institute a search for the rest of the unfortunate missing crew.

If the watch be reunited here before my Return, I shall make it my duty to return it to its Owner.

Thanking the Authorities of the Falkland Islands, for the trouble they have taken in the matter, and the kind sailor, who interred the bones of their poor Countryman,

I have the honour to remain,
Your obedient Servant,

L. Jones
Agent for the Colony

Excellency's notice, with a view,
if possible, of discovering the delinquents.
The intrinsic value of the Property
stolen, may perhaps not be great,
but it is proportioned to the means
of this poor, though laborious, enterprising
and courageous little colony, which
hitherto wored from the world,
for months and years, fights
manfully against every Obstacle and
Reverse, and which is compelled by
its scant resources to value a few
planks of Timber

I have the honor to be
Sir, Your Excellency's
most obedient,
humble servant,

J. M. D. D.

to Callao where repairs can be made at a reasonable cost. here unfortunately owing to the want of competition and the sparse population, the price of labour is enormous, I may say ruinous.

It is but too well known that these Islands are celebrated as being in the very centre of Cyclones - so much so that there is not a tree in the two Islands so fierce is the wind; and I consider that the accident could not have been prevented by human agency.

S^d

G. D'Arcy
Colonel & Gov^r

JANE CAMERON NATIONAL ARCHIVES
D14 WRECK OF THE DENBY

Government House
Stanley, Falkland Islands
September 28th 1841.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th June with copies of letters from Mr Jones to your address respecting an alleged robbery of 300 feet of timber from the Welsh colony of Chapat by the crews of four and a half Schooners supposed to be of these Islands together with a request from Mr Jones that the silver watch and the silver knife found on the body of a supposed Corsair be forwarded to the Owner

Owner who is known to Mr Jones.
The articles are enclosed accordingly
in the Dispatch Bag addressed to the
Consul at Montevideo.

Relative to the serious charge of
depredations against the Falkland Island
Schooners I have the honour to inform
you that I have made every enquiry
and it is rebuffed with indignation
on the part of the Sealers. They
state that there are several Schooners
of the same rig as theirs belonging
to the Ports of Rio Negro and Santa
Cruz — and that it is scarcely
likely that men who of their own
free will deliver to the authorities
property like a watch, so easily secured,
should plunder a sister settlement of
a large quantity of timber!

I hereby enclose you a letter I have
received from Mr. Osan on the subject,
the principal Merchant of Stanley and
a Justice of the Peace, and to add that
I will not fail to bring the Offenders
to justice in the event of evidence
being forthcoming.

I have also the honour to request
on the part of several Inhabitants of
Stanley that you will be pleased to
allow one of your Staff to communicate
with one Robert Yates of Dolores Buenos
Ayres and Allen McKenzie of Bas
debaras, Buenos Ayres to the effect
that

that they have not written to their relations
here for twelve months - in the event
of those parties having perished during
the yellow fever perhaps you will be good
enough to inform me at your convenience

Mr. Macdonald Esq
Vice-Chargé d'Affaires
Buenos Ayres.

I have &c
Wm G. Drury
Governor.

Government Office
Tahiti and Islands
25 September 1871.

Sir,
I am directed by His Excellency
the Governor to acknowledge your letter
of the 13th and 18th January 1871 respecting
the casualties to the vessels noted in the
margin and requesting that the appropriate
form W.S. 1. for each vessel may be furnished.

At the date of the arrival of these
vessels no Officer had been named to collect
the required information and had left the Port
previous to the new set of W.S. 1. Returns had
been received. It would be impossible to
obtain

Rosendale
Queen of
Holland
Isaacson
Calabar
Mathilda
Opinion
Vicar of