

Government House  
Stanley 9<sup>th</sup> September 1849

Sir

I hereby authorize you according to the provisions of the Alien Order ~~namely~~ to permit the Deckhands of the late Ship "Robert Fulton" to land at Stanley provided they return to the Vessel every evening. At the same time I deem it my duty strictly to forbid any of the Crew of the said Ship to land & request you will take measures to prevent this Order from being disobeyed.

I am &c

(Signed)

George Bennet  
Governor

Captain Bennet  
Schooner Vigilant

Government House  
Stanley Falkland Islands  
29<sup>th</sup> September 1849

Sir

With reference to the various  
conversations I have had with you and  
Mr. McRamey on the best means to be  
adopted for the disposal of the portion of  
the Cargo saved from the wreck of the Robert  
Fulton lately under your command, I beg  
to state that it is my opinion that no suffi-  
cient competition can be expected at the  
sale from the inhabitants of this Colony who  
are now fully supplied with all the usual  
articles of consumption and are neither  
sufficiently rich or numerous to be enabled  
to purchase at any adequate price so large  
an amount of property as I am given  
to understand has been saved and for which  
there can be no immediate demand.

I would therefore seriously im-  
press on you the propriety of communi-  
cating fully the circumstances to the United  
States Consul at Monte Video (the nearest  
port) in order that he may take such steps  
as may be expedient to inform parties  
there of the intended sale, or failing the  
consul succeeding, in inducing any pur-  
chasers to send or come here; to give you  
his sanction and authority, I do not as he

Captain Chase  
Stanley

may

may judge best for the interest of the  
United States.

3. I have been informed by the Mas-  
ter of the schooner Vigilant which is  
about to leave this Harbour for Monte  
Video with your Crew and passengers that  
the Vigilant is chartered to return here  
immediately - consequently it is for you  
to decide whether you will postpone the  
sale of the cargo of the Robert Fulton  
until the return of the Vigilant, or pro-  
ceed without delay as you may think fit.

4. In the event of the sale either  
before or after communicating with the  
United States Consul at Monte Video, I  
beg to give you notice that I shall not  
consent to the disposal of the spirituous  
liquors for consumption in this Colony,  
and that I shall feel it to be my duty to  
exact a guarantee, that if put up for  
sale the whole of the Brandy, Rum,  
Gin, or Whiskey, shall be for exporta-  
tion only. As regards the rest of the  
Cargo farther than the recommendation  
I have above given you, it is not my  
intention to throw any impediment in  
the way, and you are therefore at liberty  
to take your own course, so long as that is  
consistent with regularity and good order.

I am &c

(Signed) George Rennie  
Governor

JANE CAMERON NATIONAL ARCHIVES  
VOLUME D4 - Robert Fulton

Government House  
Stanley, Falkland 29<sup>th</sup> Sept 1849.

Sr

I am desired by H. E. the Governor to forward to you a duplicate of a Public Notice which was this morning promulgated at your request relating to the Wreck of the Robert Fulton and the goods saved therefrom.

His Excellency suggests that you should take the enclosed notice with you to the Wreck for the information of parties at present there, or who may arrive there, and in case of any depredations being committed which you may be unable to prevent you should communicate the circumstances with the names of the offenders to H. E. the Governor who will take the necessary steps thereon.

I have &c  
(Signed) J. R. Longden  
Chief Clerk.

Captain Chase  
Stanley

JANE CAMERON NATIONAL ARCHIVES  
VOLUME C4 - Robert Fulton

Dear Sir  
Stanley Dec: 17<sup>th</sup> 1819

I beg leave to request of your  
Excellency a copy of an official letter  
which you addressed to Captain Base  
on the 29<sup>th</sup> September in relation to the  
sale of the wreck and cargo of the ship  
Robert Fulton, which sale took place  
on the 18<sup>th</sup> October last and also to favour  
me with a copy of the books which Captain  
Base made before in relation to the afore-  
said wreck.

Very respectfully  
Your obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>  
Signed James McNamee  
Passenger on Ship  
Robert Fulton

His Excellency  
Governor Kenney  
Tahland Islands.

Know all men by these  
Presents that before me George  
Rennie Governor and Comman-  
der in Chief of the Falkland  
Islands personally appeared George  
Chase Master of the American  
Ship Robert Fulton, Treasury  
L. Smith. Mate and William  
Tenure Second. Mate and these  
appearers voluntarily depose  
upon solemn Oath actually  
taken on the Holy Evangelists  
that they sailed and departed in  
and with the said Ship on the  
fifteenth day of May One thousand  
eight hundred and forty nine from  
the

the Port of New York laden with  
a general cargo of Merchandise  
and bound for the Port of San  
Francisco that at the time of  
sailing as aforesaid the said Ship  
was staunch light and strong  
well and properly manned fitted  
and equipped for the performance  
of the Voyage. That upon the sixth  
day of July last they arrived and  
and anchored at the port of  
Rio de Janeiro where the said Ship  
was caulked provisioned and watered  
and upon the twenty second day of  
July said appellants left Rio de  
Janeiro and proceeded on their  
voyage without any material oc-  
currence

currence until the eleventh day  
 of August One thousand eight hun-  
 dred and forty nine when said  
 appearers sighted the Falkland  
 Islands near the Headland  
 called Cape Carysford and upon  
 the twelfth of August at three  
 P. M. passed Cape Pembroke dis-  
 tant five miles wind blowing strong  
 from the North West with hazy wea-  
 ther and at 5<sup>h</sup> 55<sup>m</sup> P. M. Ship struck  
 on a small Island lying off the  
 North east point of Sively Island  
 immediately hauled every thing aboard  
 and endeavoured by every possible  
 means to get the said ship off but  
 to no purpose. The Night being  
 very



very dark and the land low we could  
not see in time to save the ship which  
at the time she struck was going  
ten and a half knots per hour, she  
ran on a ledge of rock and filled  
within thirty minutes after she  
struck. At midnight she thump-  
ing heavily landed the passengers  
and crew forty two in number  
safely and at daylight commenced  
landing necessaries. On the 14<sup>th</sup>  
said apparatus continued to land  
Wood for <sup>temporary</sup> houses, and provisions were  
then very cold with snow the ship  
was by this time a wreck the Mast  
had gone through her bottom and  
from the heavy swell was fast working  
in

in shore. On the twenty seventh  
day of August sent away the pun-  
nace with the second mate and  
five hands to search for the settle-  
ment as we did not know its po-  
sition. He returned on the 29<sup>th</sup>  
in a Whalboat having lost the  
ship's boat and reported the settle-  
ment to be at Stanley Harbour  
Port William upon which report  
Captain Chase immediately went  
to Stanley and communicated his  
disaster to the authorities and  
employed a wrecking crew to  
proceed to the wreck and save  
as much as possible of the cargo  
which

which was effected the provisions &c.  
being wet with salt water and de-  
teriorating daily it was deemed re-  
quisite for the benefit of all concerned  
to dispose of the wreck saved forth-  
with at public sale which was car-  
ried into effect on the 18<sup>th</sup> of Octo-  
ber One thousand eight hundred  
and forty nine.

And because of the afore-  
said evil events these appearers de-  
clared to protest and have required  
of me the prenominated Governor  
and Commander in Chief an Act  
to serve and avail them and all  
others concerned when and where  
occasion may require I do there-  
fore

fore in conformity with such re-  
quest and in a solemn manner  
protest against the Wind, Sea, Rocks  
and all other causes and things  
which caused the wreck afore-  
said for all losses costs damages  
expences and prejudices that  
have arisen or may arise or be  
occasioned either to these appear-  
ers or others in consequence of  
the premises in order and to the  
end that all such losses costs  
damages and expences may be  
borne suffered and sustained  
paid and made good and recovered  
by those to whom of right it doth  
or

or may belong to bear suffer and  
sustain pay and make good  
and recover and receive the same  
in time and place suitable

This done and protested  
these appearers have hereunto sub-  
scribed their names at Stanley  
Falkland Islands this 31<sup>st</sup> day  
of October One thousand eight  
hundred and forty nine.

Signed

George Chase  
Master of the late Ship  
"Robert Fulton"  
Redburn. Smith  
First Officer do do  
William Fenure  
Second Officer do do

Sworn before me the  
day and year beforemen-  
tioned

(Signed) George Minnie  
Jr -

Sold by order of Capt. Charles Fulton  
 Auctioneer  
 18 Oct 1849 by Public

1	17	Porter Soap	Dean	2	-	-
2	7	Starch	Murray		11	
3	17	Cases Cyder	Murray	4	4	-
4		Coffee Mills	Dean		11	
5		Window Glass	do	5	5	
6		Iron Knives	Childs	4		
7		Nails	Dean	7		
8	13	Bl'd Bread	Murray	14	15	-
9	6	Porter & Tar	Phillips	1	4	
10	50	Casks Whisky & Brandy	Dean	57		
11	79	packs Tobacco	Williams	21		
12	7	Casks Butter	McNamee	15	5	-
13	83	Casks Albany Ale	Murray	30	5	-
14	9	Bar Ale & Porter	Dean	6	10	-
15	6	Casks Cold Spirit	do	10	10	-
16	6	B Molasses	Williams	6		
17	101	B Port 20%	Dean	103	10	6
18	4	do 16%	do	3	4	-
19	4	do 20%	Murray	4	2	-
20	4	do 20%	Murray	4		
21	5	do 15%	Dean	3	17	6
22	30	Casks Hams 23%	do	35	5	-
23	54	" Jamag Bread	Williams	5		
24	56	" Gosh "	Dean	15	10	-
25		pres Meat	Phillips		10	
26	27	Apples	Dean	11	5	
27		Salaratun & Sugar	Murray	6	6	
28		Lead Glass	Dean	30		
29		Gutter perche Solis	Clayton	3	15	-

lot				
30	4	Flour Sugar & Meal	Dean	5-10
31		Tubs	Sullivan	15
32	5	Cases Tin Iron	Smyley	9
33	3	Scaws	Phillips	12
34	4	Cases Crow Bars	Williams	2
35	2	Case Harkness	Murray	7
36	2	Shot Iron	Williams	5
37	2	Drum	McNamee	3
38	3	Casks Williams		4
39		Cordage	Phillips	6
40		Picks & Crow	Murray	1
41		ham	Smyley	1
42		Cloth	Phillips	1
43		Glaps	Smyley	7
44		Stove & Baskets		1
45		Stove	Dean	1
46		Box	Murray	4
47		Window frames	Dean	6
48	5	Casks Iron	Phillips	1
49		Bills & Stands		14
50		Caskets	Williams	5
51		Stove		1
52		Sails	McNamee	4
53		Sails	Williams	9
54		Paper	Smyley	5
55		Platters & Tray frames	Sullivan	2
56		Saddles	Dean	4
57				4
58			Williams	4
59				2
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62		Bay Coffer	Sullivan	7
63		Seaweed & Hinges	Murray	10
64			Sullivan	32

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Boards + Under frames	Dean	30	10	
Staples & frames	do	42		
Boards	do	67		
Scantley	do	50		
Boards	do	60		
Scantling	do	44		
Wood Counters for house	Phillips	30		
Food + Gold Washers	Tenn.	21		
Shirts	Dean	3	3	
101 Saddle Coats	Gayly	1		
Clothes	Johnson	3		
6 suits	Phillips	3	10	
Capstan Wheel	do	3		
Anchor & Hammers	do	11		
Deck of the R/V Fulton				
with Iron &	Williams	35		
House	Johnson	2		
Span & Water Taps	Sullivan		16	
Calapas + Shingles	Dean	3		
Wood	Dean	3		
House	Williams	2	10	
Yards	"	2		
Wood	do		6	
Iron Boat	do	3	5	
2 Yards	do		5	
2 Saddle &	Johnson		13	
Beh &	Sullivan	1	1	
Coats Iron	Phillips	2	7	
do	Coyte	1	4	
do	Williams	2	13	
do	Allen	1	2	
do	Murray	4		



96	Cloths	Dean	4	
97	do	Myly	3	
98	do	Murray	3	
99	do	Shailer	1	5
100	Cloths	Dean	2	
101	do	-	2	
102	do	-	1	2
103	do	-	1	7
104	do	Chells	1	7
105	Ants	Myly	2	
106	Cloths	Dean	11	5
107	Cloths	John	1	10
108	do	McKay	1	13
109	Sails	McLennan	17	5
110	Sails &	Sullivan	4	-
111	Boards	McLennan	9	10
112	do	-	7	15
113	Iron Bands	do	14	-
114	Lamp	Myly	1	2
115	knives	Dean	2	5
116	knives	McLennan	2	-
117	knives	Sullivan		126
118	Knives	McLennan	1	
119	Beds	McKay		7
120	cup House	McLennan	7	10

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J. M. Dean  
Auctioneer

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No. 1.  
Lanes Despatches  
for 1858 and 1859.  
Nos. 1 to 39.

No 11

Sir,

Stanley Feb 4 1859  
Recd. 5 Apr 59.  
Camp Establishment

Early last month I sent the Victoria to Hope Place & she has since taken a cargo of the heaviest materials round Southward to Darwin Harbour & made sev. trips with lighter articles to be carried over the mountains to the head of Branton Creek & I am now daily expecting her here with Hedges & Foot; after which she will go back to Hope Place to complete the removal & to bring out remains here & also the remains of the wreck of the "Robert Fulton" from Devil Island which I have found of value for timber. I believe there is at least £50 worth of timber & wood there which will be very useful.

(2) The carpenters & others are at work on the new buildings at Darwin Harbour & temporary shelter sheds are needed. I have only sent two laborers & hope

No. 14

Stanley 14<sup>th</sup> March 1859

Recd. 6 May 59

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Stanley - Shipping &c

By Mr. S. Cumberland's Stock left this Post

on the 1<sup>st</sup> Feb. I sent letters N<sup>o</sup> 10 11 12 13 <sup>Duplicates enclosed</sup> in  
<sup>Duplicates of Journal for</sup>  
 first Navy Bills of the "Seren" for £30 & Capt  
 Sebald for £20, with the third of Capt Parvett's  
 Draft for £404. 12. 0 & second of Henning Prebus  
 for £12. 10. 0 - In a 5<sup>th</sup> <sup>N<sup>o</sup> 13.a.</sup> letter, of which I had  
 not time to keep a duplicate, written after  
 the Mail had closed & delivered to the Postmaster  
 to be posted in the P.M., I enclosed first of Draft of  
 Lieut. Parr for £30 & Navy Bill of the "Cumberland"  
 for £312. 0. 3 - The "Buzzard's" first Navy Bills  
 for £69. 13. 0 & £359. 10. 9 together £429. 12. 5  
 I sent to Mr. Hoop and in payment. - Out of the  
 accounts paid by the Bills we have paid the  
 Townspeople in last a large sum for Vegetables &  
 Bread - The total supply was 17,107 <sup>lbs</sup> Beef. 421 lbs Mutton  
 & 16 live sheep. 6039 lbs of Vegetables & 3504 lbs of Soft  
 Bread - the two latter supplied to the Company at  
 2<sup>d</sup> & 4<sup>d</sup> & sold at 3<sup>d</sup> & 5<sup>d</sup> per lb. - This was delivered

daily & regularly - Lt Brown the Commodore's Secy  
& an Officer of the "Margaret" told Lt Hamblin that  
if he could be sure of our having the stores well  
supplied the Admiral would send a vessel here  
to make up their stores as he found them  
better & cheaper here than in the Plate  
or at Rio.

(2) The "Victoria" arrived from Hope Place on  
the 1<sup>st</sup> Feb. with a full cargo of Hides & Wool. She  
discharged into the Margaret & sailed  
again for Hope Place on the 17<sup>th</sup> - put back  
into Sparrow Cove in a Gale & sailed on the  
19<sup>th</sup> not arriving at Hope Place until the 24<sup>th</sup>  
having had a narrow escape in a fog & from  
the strong current at the Northern Entrance  
of the Sound. - She took in a cargo & landed  
at the head of Brenton Lock whilst I was there  
- sailed ag<sup>n</sup> on the 1<sup>st</sup> March for Hope Place & after  
taking in the resid. of the Wool & materials sailed  
Southward for Darwin Harbour on the 5<sup>th</sup> not  
there in 3 days - discharged & took in Wool  
from the Boca & sailed on the 12<sup>th</sup> - not for Stanley  
which she reached in 8 1/2 hours - She

Hoops have shipped the Wool to the "Margaret"  
& is intended to sail for M.V. on the 15th of  
the 15th - I thought it well for many reasons  
to offer to send her and agreed with the Gov.  
for \$100 for the trip - No man of war, it  
now appears, will be down before the end  
of May & we are without Indian Corn, Pusina  
& other things & only 8 Barrels of Flour. The  
wreck of the Robert Fulton yet remains to be  
brought here

(3) The Victoria will have three done good  
service in the first 3 months of this year - but  
it made me very anxious knowing that both  
she & a valuable cargo were unmeasured on a  
voyage well known here to be so dangerous -  
Her return from Darwin Harbour to Hope Place  
southward occupied 10 days - you will thus  
see the great advantage of Darwin H. for the  
Camp Establishment. - There is 11 feet of water  
within 100 feet of the shore & a short jetty  
might hereafter be built along side of which  
a schooner might lie & the Hides & Wool for England  
shipped there saving the great delay & expense of