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Port Louis 29th October 1831.

William Langdon Esqre L.R.N.
master of the Ship Thomas Lawrie



Dear Sir

I here with hand you the Document of your appointment for the colonisation of that tract of Land of this East Falkland Island which is comprised under Section Number three.

I trust that you will use your utmost endeavours to accelerate the object in view, and be particular to choose such settlers as have no bad reputation, because bad subjects would only cramp the growth of any establishment instead of promoting it; you are no doubt fully aware of the certainty of this observation, and I flatter myself that the experience that you have otherwise acquired respecting settlements in new countries will render you fully qualified to the importance of the undertaking; and it is under that impression that I have with pleasure granted you as your property for ever a tract of Land containing ten square miles; and that I further hereby grant you as your property ~~of ever a tract of Land containing ten square miles~~, and that I further hereby grant you one third part of the proceeds of all sales of Land made previous to the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and thirty three, and one fourth part of the proceeds of all sales of Land made after said period. It is here necessary to observe that you will have opportunities in England of consulting persons more experienced than myself in valuing new lands, of such quality and geographical situation as these, and if it should appear that the prices ought to be reduced, I authorise you in that case to reduce them at far-

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thrust down to half the stipulated price. And if you should make any sales below this last mentioned price, then such sales must be subjected to my approbation.

Your plan of sending sheep for your account from Van Diemens Land with the necessary shepherds I approve very much, since you could not make an immediately better use of your own tract of Land, and I assure you that it will be a pleasure to me to give full protection and every assistance in my power to enable said shepherds to improve and to increase the flock and I shall require for myself no further emolument than the satisfaction that I shall derive from seeing your undertaking progress. I do not doubt but the sheep will multiply rapidly, and there will then be laid the foundation to a great resource for settling at first your own land and afterwards the remainder of the section, and if you should any time think it advantageous to you to exchange some of your sheep for horned cattle and horses it shall be done.

I expect to be favored with letters from you or the agent that you may appoint in England, which will reach me either to this port direct, or to Buenos Ayres under cover of Mess^{rs} Hodgson & Robinson, and wishing you a prosperous voyage

I remain with regards

Dear Sir

Your most obed^t Serv^t
Lewis Vernet

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To Wm Langdon
enclosing Doc^t of Colonisation