

of the Kat River Act. Every one was agog about it during my stay in Kaffirland. I heard only Drack & Barrington's version, and our own people knew no more than I did; since my return however it has been cleared up for me by the Governor and how see the true state of the Case.

Major Gawler, Kaffir Major - at Sandili's, when dining with Allen touches upon the question of Hottentot rebels. and Allen mentions the extreme difficulty in which men are placed by the ordinance which renders it penal to employ rebels and presupposes that every employer ought to know the history of his workmen, illustrating it by his own case where two men are paid by Government and under him on the farm whom he knows nothing of for certain, but strongly suspects that if all were told would prove to have been concerned in the late outbreak, Gawler takes his leave, and after his own fashion reports this private conversation officially to Drack.

208 Who sends a thundering rebuke to Allen demanding
his instant surrender. Allen, who refused to place him-
self, and through him the Church, in the position of a spy
and informer, grounds his refusal on the fact of not
having any evidence whatever against the delinquents
and protests against such a use being made of a pri-
-vate conversation, declining to take any steps or
acknowledge any authority until he has heard from
the Bishop. The case however is tried, he is found guilty
and is at present, or was, in the position of a state cri-
-minal. — The Governor on learning the affair sends a
tingling letter of reprimand to Col Draclean who is
more than suspected of taking the extreme course he did
from a jealousy of our Missions and the influence they
are likely to gain where he was all power. His
course was strictly legal & fancy but thoroughly wanting
in consideration and proper feeling, and so the matter
rests. As for fancker the Governor is much disgusted at
him. He embroiled Espinasse with Draclean in an even
more outrageous manner and an anecdote of him given
me by the Bishop of Capetown shews him to be as little as I

always imagined him to be.

Sir George Grey and Col Faulkner (his predecessor in the Government of South Australia) had some unpleasant Correspondence & Dealings relative to their Colony, & the Col came out in dark Colours; Sir George Grey, so far from feeling any desire to visit Col Faulkner's King or his son offered him the Magister Magistratecy which he now enjoys. That worthy however chooses still to foster an angry recollection of former days, takes the Magistratecy, but refuses to thank the Gov^r for it and leaves Cape Town without even the formality of a Cand. So much for him.

Thursday April 24th. Morning Service and a walk with the Governor round the paddocks to look for the Quagga which is generally lettered there in the morning. He brought him from the Sovereignty and his companions are two Stanley or Blue Cranes, a Kaffir or Balearic Crane, Two Secretary Birds, an Ostrich, a Kuyper, a Springbok, a Deer Cat or Mongoose. Two tiny Lemmings and a Goat, making quite a menagerie, and from nearly all being loose in the Garden

216 far more amusing than a much larger one shut up in
Cages. The goat was only introduced as a friend of the
Sprinkler and presumes upon his benefactor's kindness
by driving him away from the best pasturage. He is
my terror moreover and charges me furiously whenever
I make my appearance. The Kaffir Crane roosts every
night on the edge of the fountain basin and looks in-
-describably graceful and beautiful in the moonlight.

Left Government House in the morning and
found Capetown agog about Kaffir wars &c which
are more imminent now than ever. The facts are these.
Boshof (President of the Sovereignty) and Kroesch are
disputing at each other about a question of boundary,
and moreover a Commando is on foot to punish one
Witze a minor Chief of the Basutos for throwing the
Boers confidently expect help from Pretorius & the
Trans Vaal Boers, and hope that we shall assist
them likewise. Kroesch thinking it not unadvisable
to file on lands by a Combination said to extend to all
Kaffir land, Tumboskies, Anakosa, Basutos & all,

Boston has written to the Governor begging for per-
 -mission to enlist volunteers from the Colony, and Sir
 George has not only laid the whole before Parliament,
 but is even now calling out the Pensioners, and an
 unexpected visit on Tuesday night from the Commo-
 -dore resulted in that gentleman returning to Simon's
 Town by day break and the Penelope leaving the
 Regatta in the lurch and steaming off to Inawitius
 in more haste. Found the boys looked for report from
 Saare on his mission and farm work and being
 interesting it is. Walked with Turner to the House
 and the Sergeant at Arms gave me a back seat
 in the Speakers gallery but I gained nothing and
 came away after a few speeches on a Cruelty Bill which
 was rather amusing. The Country members wishing to
 confine it to the City, while the City desired to extend
 its working to the whole Colony. One bowing that all
 the Cruelty to animals seen in North Africa belonged to
 Capetown drivers, Capetown swearing that all seen
 in the West was the work of the Comers from the Country.

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Members to express their opinion on the scenes of Tues-
-day when a heavy fire engine and 20 mules were
driven along by one pair of horses. Soon after I left
Dr Tancock and Mr Tierrope fell out, the Doctor
threw a bandana in his opponents face and defied
him to deadly combat. The House, then in Committee,
skulked for the Speaker who came blue & breathless. Every
one expected a frightful scene and prepared to defend
the isolated dignity of the House or die amid its ruins.
Fairbridge demanded expulsion, Solomon howled for the
black hole, Samell cried for impeachment, and Tur-
-ner boomed fire and thunder; but it ended in an
ample apology being made and Tancock neither
expelled, imprisoned, or impeached, appeared at the
race hall in the evening and made a drunken speech
at supper. I dined with Aldrich at the Castle, meeting
Mend. Boze and Grestores. and afterwards crept to
went to the ball which consisted of seven ladies & seven
Gentlemen. Lists of whom appeared to be Steu and.

never saw such a failure, but we danced til 2 1/2
 in spite of feet, and our only regret was that in the
 ballroom one of the seven ladies had always to
 sit down. Mesdames Paris and Buskell were
 my partners and Aldrich smoked a pipe with me
 afterwards.

Fr: April 26th. Called on Capt Ancole and found
 no truth in the report that the Queen had dined by.
 bought some towels, books (not including Macaulay's
 two new volumes (3. & 4.) and bought Charles Pies
 come to lunch. He tells me how horrified he was on
 leaving in the crowd that his children were burnt
 to death and he was many hours before he learnt
 the mistake. He managed to save a carriage from the
 burning houses and saw a large quantity of fowls
 roasting alive and making a fearful noise as
 the flames reached them. Com. Foster and Mr Larbe
 also came to lunch and then went to skin up old
 Thomson who promised to show me the meteor, in
 case of failing to get off by the Queen. I found some
 waiting

214 for me with two puritanical Companions whom he introduced as the Revd Stegman Tutel Minister, & Major Graham, the latter desirous of securing a passage in the Meteor. I disliked him violently in a moment, and found my dislike increase every moment I was in his Company so it is fortunate I found the vessel far too small and poorly accommodated for me to dare a thought of her, as I should be sorry to lose a good chance this prejudice and skill in his Company I was not. - When he preferred to return, no boat was to be seen and Stegman Thompson and Graham flew birds and cared about the deck with dirty pocket handkerchiefs flying as signals, hats on sticks and every evidence of a disturbed desire to avoid a sight on board if possible.

Their great misery appeared to be having left their umbrellas on board the boat and when after some delay it returned for us, their delight was extreme. The man Graham has tall, thin, dressed in a black button over frock coat, yellow & salt trousers, black hat, and white choke. wore wire

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Loggles and knew everything, "The boat, he thought,
too broad in the beam for her length," and "The Governor
he knew was under influences hostile to the spread
of Evangelical truth," I was thankful to see him well
soaked before he reached the Pier again.

Went to the Phillipsons and called in passing
at Dr Johnsons, found his house standing amid a mass
of blackened ruins, It is certainly a miserable sight.

Should have come upon us now, I can imagine
nothing more calamitous. The Colony, as far as we
yet are concerned is in a far more advantageous
position than heretofore, but the many outposts
would have to be abandoned and the troops concentrated,
Supplies of all sorts thrown in and the whole of Sir
George Greys schemes for the pacification and civilizing
the Kafir borders thrown back indefinitely. General
Jackson must go to the wall immediately, no one
doubts that, and his successor will have the hard
task of repairing his mistakes and short comings.

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