vided for under certain rules, such as exist in the case of Norfolk Island; one or two magistrates being appointed with authority to settle small disputes, celebrate marriages, and look to the maintenance of order. It was provided that the chief magistrate should communicate, as occasion occurred, with the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and any graver matters would doubtless be adjusted by him by giving special powers to the captain of one of H.M.'s ships. The Secretary for the Colonies suggested that the Admiralty should direct the officer in command of a ship likely to call at the island to appoint one or two magistrates and to confer with them as to the rules for their government; and accordingly, in October, 1875, H.M.S. *Diamond* visited Tristan, and Captain Stanley Bosanquet forwarded a very full and entertaining report to the Admiralty. He said that if he had failed in carrying out the wishes of H.M.'s Secretary for the Colonies, it was because, on becoming acquainted with the settlers, he was unable to see any need of establishing rules for their future guidance. He again took a census of the population, which remained stationary at eighty-five, and it appears that there are now only fifteen males of the age of twenty-one years and upward. "These," he remarks, "represent the physical force, and I may also say the intellectual, of this somewhat unsophisticated community, although I should not venture to assert this (superiority of the males) of any more highly civilized one;" and, from what I saw of the business capacity of the Tristan young ladies and their excellent physical development, I should certainly have thought twice before venturing to assert it even there. "The families are connected by the ties of marriage, and their interests are identical. They have certain rules of their own, and the present senior male member of the community, Peter Green, is made their referee if necessary."

Captain Bosanquet doubts the necessity of the emigration of any of the settlers, even if the population increase considera-