Edward Edwards Langford, of Brighton and a distant relative of Governor Blanshard, signed a contract as a bailiff with the Puget's Sound Agricultural Company in 1850. He became one of the group hostile to the Company and Douglas. The heavy losses at Esquimalt Farm, of which he had charge, and his unreasonable expenditures on "Madeira, Sherry, Port, Hyson Tea,….to regale his friend's sorely tested the patience of the Company. His contract, which was to terminate in 1861, was not renewed.

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For a biographical account see, Sydney G. Petit, "The Trials and Tribulations of Edward Edwards Langford", B.C.H.Q., XVII, January to April 1953, pp.5-40; Copy of "election squib", December 1959 (B.226/z/2)