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CONFIDENTIAL

19 38

No.

C/15/38

Commodore, "Exeter".

SUBJECT.

19 38.

19th August.

PROPOSED BOMBARDMENT PRACTICES BY H.M. SHIPS  
"EXETER" AND "AJAX".

Previous Paper.

MINUTES.

1-2. Letter from Commodore, "Exeter", 19/8/38

Submitted. I think Volunteer Point would probably be the best position. Examination on the spot however is required and it will be necessary for an officer to be detailed for this. Perhaps on the return of Mr. Wren, Major Marshall could examine sites that would be suitable for the purpose. One objection to Volunteer Point is that if there are still guns ashore in the

Subsequent Paper.

Nimble they would be hunted  
for breeding in Nov<sup>r</sup> and  
might suffer.

meH  
es.

31.8.58

The piny will be sufficiently - counts  
not to disturb the pookies. Please  
refer to Major Marshall for action when  
convenient

Will 26/8/58

Major Marshall.

To note for action in  
due course.

meH  
es.

1.9.58

Hon. Colonial Secretary

Noted! Thanks you

Smarell O.B.F.I.D.F.

3.9.58

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~~NAVAL & MILITARY.~~

(Naval)

19 38.

No. ~~236/38.~~

Commodore, H.M.S. "Exeter".

SUBJECT.

19 38.

14th November.

Previous Paper.

~~FIRINGS &c., CARRIED OUT BY HIS MAJESTY'S  
SHIPS DURING THEIR VISITS TO THE COLONY~~

MINUTES.

③

Letter from Commodore, H.M.S. EXETER of 14/11/38.

*J.R.*  
Draft letter and Notice  
Submitted. *W.H.*  
15. 11. 38

The notices should be  
posted at once in one or two  
places

*W.H.* 15/11

④

Warning Notice of 15. 11. 38.

⑤

Letter to Com. H.H. Harwood of 15. 11. 38.

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Commodore informed verbally  
that firings can proceed and



that warnings will be issued.

MCH  
15. XI. 38

Y.H. Submitted. Notices have  
been posted. The Notice will  
also be broadcasted today.

MCH  
15. XI. 38

15/11/38

P.A.  
17/11/37

Letter from Commodore, A.S. Extra of 15/11/38 (b)

Warning regarding firing of  
6 pr. gun from "Exeter" between  
8 a.m. and noon on Saturday  
19<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> broadcast on  
night of 18<sup>th</sup> Nov.

MCH  
19. XI. 38

Letter to Com. H.M. Harwood of 18.11.38.

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Y.H. Letter Submitted for  
Signature.

MCH  
19. XI. 38

15/11

8. Telegram from Captain, H.M.S. "Ajax" 29.11.38.
- ⑨ Public Warning notice of 30/11/38
- ⑩ Letter from Capt. A. G. S. "Ajax" of 1.12.38.
- ⑪ Warning notice of 1/12/38.

H.M.S. "EXETER",  
at Montevideo.

No. 310.



19th August 1938.

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you that it is desired to carry out 3-inch and 6-inch bombardment practices by H.M. Ships "EXETER" and "AJAX" during our forthcoming visit.

2. A piece of ground at least 2,000 yards square near the coast is required for this purpose. The target would be in the centre of the area: an area surrounded by water is unsuitable.

3. It would be preferable if the ground were situated so that two observation posts, each with a fair command of the area, could be erected to facilitate accurate cross marking of the fall of shot for analysis purposes. These observation posts could be up to 4,500 yards but more than 2,500 yards from the centre of the area and would be best sited if the line to the target were between 30 degrees and 60 degrees to the line of fire from H.M. Ship, which might be under way. A diagram is attached.

4. The Volunteer Point and Porpoise Point Areas showed promise when the question was raised during my last visit.

It is requested that the suitability of these areas and other similar areas may be investigated.

5. It is realised that compensation will have to be paid for clearing the stock off the selected areas. I request that this aspect of the question may also receive consideration. In point of fact this aspect will probably determine the practicability of the practices being carried out.

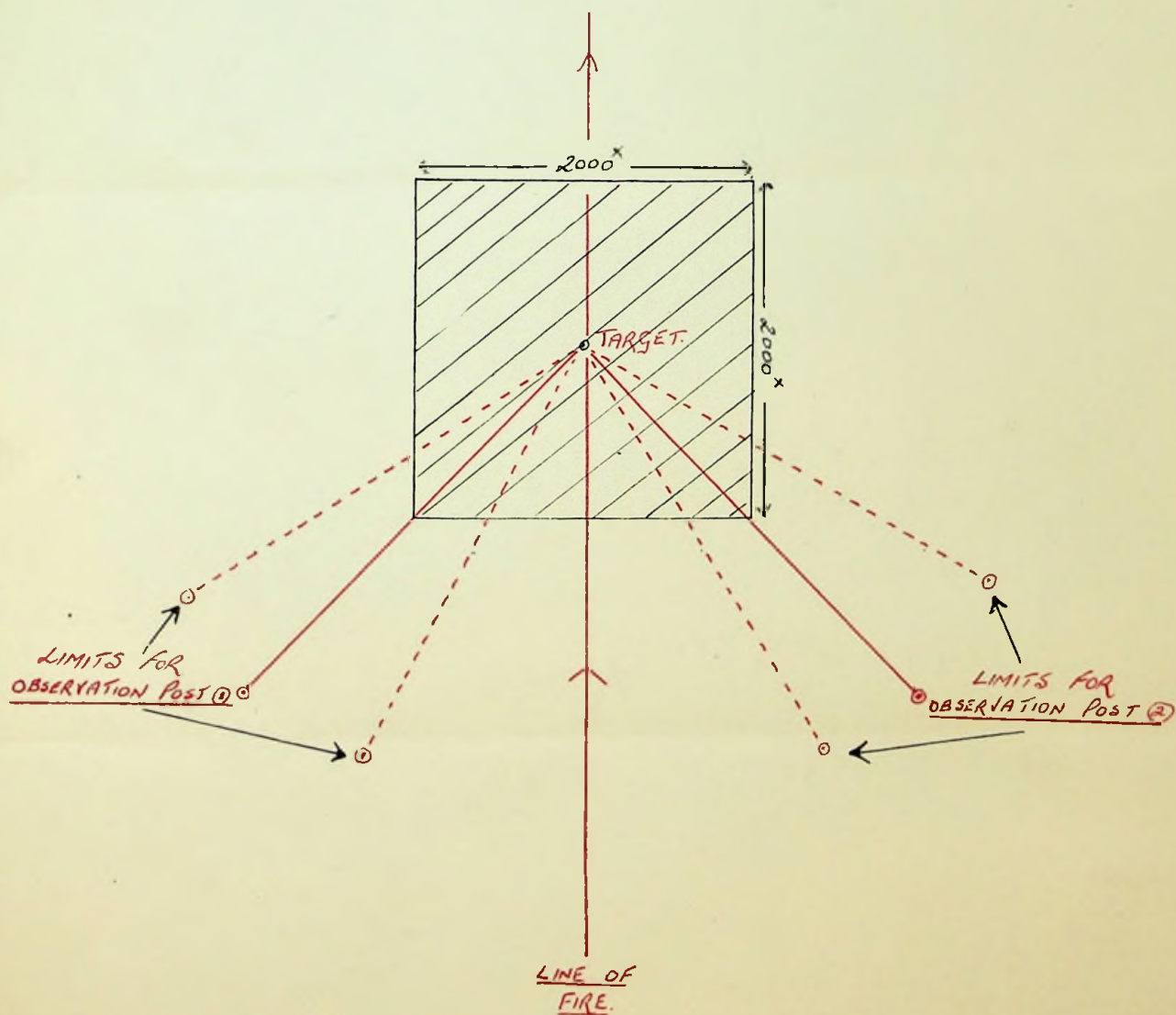
I have the honour to be,  
Your Excellency's obedient servant,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. A. Stannard", written over a horizontal line.

COMMODORE.

His Excellency The Governor  
of the Falkland Islands,  
PORT STANLEY.  
(Copy to :- The Commanding Officer,  
H.M.S. "AJAX".

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R.A.  
19.VIII.38

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H.M.S. "EXETER",  
at Port Stanley.

14th November 1938.

No. 310A.

Your Excellency,

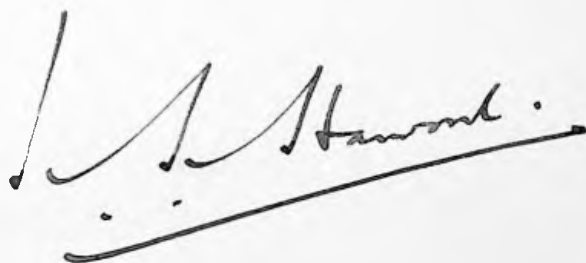
I have the honour to submit that, weather permitting, howitzer firings with High Explosive and small arm firings with ball ammunition may be allowed to take place between Engineer Point and Cape Pembroke on Thursday, 17th November, between 0900 and 1400 and that the public may be warned accordingly.

It is also hoped to fire a few trial rounds from a howitzer between 1000 and 1200 on Wednesday, 16th November.

I should also be grateful if I might be allowed to fire 6-pounder sub-calibre ammunition at the Wolf Rock from H.M.S. "EXETER" in her present berth on Wednesday, 16th November, between 1000 and 1200. This would entail keeping a strip 1000 yards wide clear of personnel in case of accidents. The exact position depends on how the ship is swung but it can be assumed that it would embrace the high land to the South of the entrance to the Canache. Sentries with red flags would be posted.

I have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's obedient servant,



COMMODORE.

His Excellency  
The Governor of the Falkland Islands,  
PORT STANLEY.

9 am  
2 hr  
10 a.m.  
12 noon



(H) (1)

WARNING NOTICE.

Firings by H. M. Ships.

It is hereby notified, for general information, that weather permitting, howitzer firings with High Explosives and small arm firings with ball ammunition will take place between Engineer Point and Cape Pembroke on Thursday the 17th of November, between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Howitzer firings will also take place on Wednesday the 16th November between 10 a.m. and 12 noon, and 6-pounder sub-calibre firings at the Wolf Rock from H.M.S. "Skeeter" between the same hours on the same date. This will entail keeping a strip 1000 yards wide clear of personnel in case of accidents. The position will embrace the high land to the South of the entrance to the Anchorage (Peninsula).

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands,  
15th November, 1958.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

15th November, 1938.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 236/38.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 310 A of the 14th of November, 1938, I have the honour to inform you that the howitzer firings, small arm firings and 6-pounder sub-calibre firings may take place at the positions and on the dates and times indicated in your letter.

2. The public will be warned by means of the local broadcast and by public notices.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sd.) H. HENRIKER-HEATON

Governor.

Commodore H. H. Harwood, O.B.E., R.N.,  
H.M.S. "Exeter",  
at Stanley.

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H.M.S. "EXETER",  
at Port Stanley.

Ref.No. 310A.

15th November 1938.

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to request that H.M. Ships "EXETER" and "AJAX" may be allowed to carry out bombardment practices at targets in the neighbourhood of Mount Low between Wednesday, 30th November, and Sunday, 4th December 1938.

2. The most suitable target appears to be 6000 yards 290 degrees from Mengeary Point Light. This would entail keeping clear the area bounded on the West by longitude  $57^{\circ} 52'$  W. and on the North and South by Berkeley Sound and Port William, respectively.

3. As much notice as possible of the times of the firings would be given. These would be dependent on the return of H.M. Ships from cruises to South Georgia and West Falkland.

I have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's obedient servant,

  
COMMODORE.

His Excellency  
The Governor of the Falkland Islands,  
GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
PORT STANLEY.

STANDARD  
AGENTS  
GOVERNMENT HOUSE, (7)

STANLEY,

18th November, 1938.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. C/15/38.

Sir,

*Red6.*  
With reference to your letter No. 310 A of the 15th November, 1938, I have the honour to inform you that H.M. Ships "Exeter" and "Ajax" may carry out bombardment practices at targets in the neighbourhood of Mount Low between Wednesday, 30th November and Sunday 4th December, 1938.

2. Warning Notices will be issued when the times of firings are given.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Governor.

Commodore H. H. Harwood, O.B.E., R.N.,  
H.M.S. "Exeter",  
at STANLEY.

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

*From* Captain, H.M.S. "Ajax",

*To* Officer Administering the Government.

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*Despatched:* 29th November, 19 38. *Time:* 2115.

*Received:* 30th November, 19 38. *Time:* 1115.

Redb

Reference Commodore's letter reference number 310 A of 15th November Ajax will carry out bombardment commencing 10.00 Thursday 1st December.

CAPTAIN.



WARNING NOTICE.

BOMBARDMENT PRACTICE BY H.M.S. "AJAX".

It is hereby notified, for general information, that Bombardment practice will be carried out by H.M.S. "Ajax" at a target in the neighbourhood of Mount Low, commencing at 10.0 a.m. on Thursday the 1st December, 1938.

Members of the public are warned not to be in the vicinity of Mount Low during the bombardment.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Stanley.  
30th November, 1938.

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H.M.S. "AJAX",

at Port Stanley,

Falkland Islands.

30th November, 1938.

No. 223

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that H.M.S. "Exeter" will carry out bombardment practice firings at about 0930 on Friday 2nd December. It is requested that warning may be issued that firing may be overland East of line - Ordnance Point - Hookers Point, and that boats should keep clear of Midway Island.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*C M W Worthmore*

CAPTAIN,  
Royal Navy.

The Officer Administering  
Government,  
Port Stanley,  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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WARNING NOTICE.

BOMBARDMENT PRACTICE BY H.M.S. "EXETER".

It is hereby notified, for general information, that bombardment practice will be carried out by H.M.S. "Exeter" at a target in the neighbourhood of Mount Low, commencing about 9.30 a.m. on Friday the 2nd December, 1938.

Firing may be overland, East of line Ordnance Point - Hookers Point, (the area commonly known as the Peninsula) and members of the Public are requested to keep clear of this area and also that in the vicinity of Mount Low during the bombardment practice.

Owners of boats are specially warned to keep clear of Kidney Island.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
STANLEY.  
1st December, 1938.

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