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CONFIDENTIAL.1927.
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No.

1/27

H. E. the Acting Governor.

SUBJECT.

1927

7th January.

VISIT OF H.M.S. "Capetown". 25th February to
2nd March, 1927.

Previous Paper.

Suggested visit of, to Dependencies.

Ref. M. P. 1/27.

MINUTES.

1. Minute from Acting Governor 7th January, 1927.
2. Telegram to Magistrate South Georgia.

Telegram from Magistrate, South Georgia. 12/1/27.

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15. 1. 27

Hel. Will you please have Mr. 1/27 - dealing with
the visit to Stanley of H.M.S. Cape Town -
annexed.

15 Jan. 1927.

Hel. Draft Confidential telegram to Secy.
of State is annexed.

Subsequent Paper.

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4. Telegram to S. A. S. - 18. 1. 1927.

17 Jan. 1927

y. 2. Schmitt. It would now seem that H.M. & "Captain's"
programme is to prevent descent to Punta Arenas and
Velfersino after his visit to Stanley in which case
a visit to the Reproduction will be difficult to arrange.
? Feb. here.

Just

7. 2. 27.

Hel.

The itinerary of "Fris. Cape Town" was
no doubt drawn up before our telegram
could have been received. We may hear
something further later.

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Telegram from S. of S. — 14. 2. 1927.

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Telegram to St. Kemp. 25. Feb. 1927. 6.
" " Magistrate, So. Geo., 25. Feb. 1927. 7.

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Inside Minute Paper.

Sheet No. 2.

Yr. 11 4.21 verbal division 1 line sent

wh. 7-6 - Will yr. kindly confirm?

Just

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W.C. Thank you. Confirmed.

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25 Feb. 1927.

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8-11. Despatch from S. of S. no. 16 of 2-March, 1927.

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12-13. Despatch from S. of S. no. 7 of 28/3/27.

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July 13-12 Schmitt.

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Hon. C. S.

under

A. H.

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Acting

From His Excellency the Governor

to The Honourable the Colonial Secretary.

It has occurred to me that the arrival of H.M.S. "Cape Town" about 23rd February would be an ideal and ~~opportune~~^{unique} opportunity to endeavour to arrange for a visit to the Dependencies of one of H.M.s warships

2. The whaling fleet - mainly Norwegian - will still be in those waters and I feel convinced that a visit "to Show the Flag" would be of great effect not only at present but ⁱⁿ the future. In present circumstances too, such a visit would be most opportune.

3. I should very much like to have the views of Mr. Birnie and Dr. Kemp on this suggestion. Will you please telegraph to Mr. Birnie making Confidential enquiry.

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7 Jan. 1927

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TELEGRAM.

From: The Colonial Secretary.

To: The Magistrate, South Georgia.

Despatched: 8th January, 1927. Time 12.45

Received. ---- 1927. ----

MAGISTRATE

SOUTHGEORGIA.

Confidential H.M.S. "Capetown" will visit Stanley from 25th February to 2nd March in connection with the unveiling of Battle Memorial. It is suggested that at present juncture visit of one of H.M. Ships to Dependencies to show the flag during the whaling season would be opportune. Telegraph your views and also those of Kemp.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

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TELEGRAM.

From The Magistrate, South Georgia.

To The Colonial Secretary,

Despatched: 12th January, 1927. 1 a.m.

Received: 14th January, 1927. 10.50 a.m.

SECRETARY

PORTSTANLEY

Your telegram of 8th January Confidential Kemp and I
concur with your suggestion H.M.S. "Capetown" visiting
Dependencies.

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TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Acting Governor.

To The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched: 18th January, 1927. 2.20 p.m.

Received: ...

CHAPELRIE

LONDON

Confidential with reference to your telegram of 29th of December visit of H.M.S. Capetown venture to suggest that if possible to arrange visit of warship to show the flag in the Dependencies whilst Norwegian Whaling fleet is still in midst of operations would be opportune and have excellent effect.

GOVERNOR.

TELEGRAM.

From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Acting Governor.

Despatched: 14th February, 1927. Time: 6.30 p.m.

Received: 15th February, 1927. Time: 12.50 p.m.

GOVERNOR

PORTSTANLEY

Your telegram 18th January Lords Commissioners of Admiralty regret as programme visit to ports on west coast South America already arranged considerable inconvenience would be caused by proposed diversion HMS. Capetown to Dependencies. Despatch follows.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

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TELEGRAM.

From The Colonial Secretary.....

To Dr. S. W. Kemp, R.R.S. "Discovery".

Despatched : 25th February, 1927. *Time* 11.15.

Received : 192 *Time :*

KEMP

DISCOVERY.

H.M.S. "CAPETOWN" WILL NOT VISIT DEPENDENCIES ON
THIS OCCASION.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

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TELEGRAM.

From The Colonial Secretary

To The Magistrate, South Georgia.

Despatched: 25th February, 192 7. *Time:* 11.15

Received: ... 192 *Time:*

MAGISTRATE

SOUTHGEORGIA.

H.M.S. "Capetown" will not visit Dependencies on this occasion.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

ADMIRALTY, S.W.1.

M. 324/27

12th February, 1927

Sir,

With reference to Colonial Office letter of the 26th January, 1927, No. 35006/27, I am commanded by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to state, for the information of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, that as the programme of visits to foreign ports on the west coast of South America for H.M.S. "CAPETOWN" has already been arranged, considerable inconvenience would be occasioned if a visit to the Falkland Islands dependencies were to be inserted. Moreover, in addition to the dislocation of programme there would be a considerable expenditure of fuel involved in a visit to the dependencies.

My Lords observe that the labour troubles in South Georgia, which formed the subject of the correspondence culminating in Admiralty letter M.16185 of the 9th May, 1919, have apparently not recurred.

Moreover, the Argentine claim to the South Orkneys has not yet been put forward with sufficient seriousness to justify the expense and inconvenience involved in a visit by H.M.S. "CAPETOWN".

My Lords, therefore, do not feel that circumstances warrant the diversion of H.M.S. "CAPETOWN" to the dependencies during her present cruise, and suggest that the question of a visit to the Dependencies should be reconsidered on the next occasion of a cruiser visit to the Falkland Islands. This if arranged would possibly

afford

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office, S.W.1.

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afford a suitable opportunity for the Governor to visit
the dependencies.

I am, &c.,

(Sgd.) ALEX. FLINT.

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21st February, 1927

35006/1927

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Amery to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th February (M 324/27) and to state that in the circumstances he does not wish to ask the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to reconsider their attitude in regard to the suggested visit of H.M.S. "Capetown" to the Dependencies of the Falkland Islands.

2. Mr. Amery is communicating to the Officer Administering the Government of the Falkland Islands and Dependencies Their Lordships' suggestion that the next visit of a cruiser to the Colony would afford a suitable opportunity for the Governor to visit the Dependencies. With a view to facilitating this arrangement, Mr. Amery will be glad to receive timely notification of the approximate date on which a cruiser may be expected to call at Port Stanley..

I am, &c.,

(Sgd.) E.R.DARNLEY.

THE SECRETARY,

ADMIRALTY.

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ADMIRALTY, S.W. 1.

M 649/27.

21st March, 1927

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 21st ultimo, No.35006/27, concerning the visit of one of H.M. Ships to the Dependencies of the Falkland Islands, I am commanded by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to acquaint you, for the information of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, that they are unable at the present time to foresee the probable date of the next visit of one of H.M. Ships to Port Stanley.

The Commander-in-Chief, North America and West Indies is, however, being requested to include a visit to the Dependencies in the next cruise of one of H.M. Ships under his command to the neighbourhood of the Falkland Islands, and a further communication will be addressed to you as soon as such a visit has been arranged.

I am, etc. ,

(Sd.) CHARLES WALKER.

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
S.W.1.