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FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 101.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

15th June, 1927.

Sir,

I have the honour to confirm my telegram of the 9th of June, 1927, reporting my assumption of the Government of this Colony and its Dependencies on that date. I consider that it is proper for me to give you some account of the circumstances of my arrival and official landing.

2. In the first place I would say that the weather conditions contrary to expectation were generally favourable. After heavy rain during the night the morning of the 9th of June dawned dull and damp but the day continued to brighten as it increased so that at the hour fixed for me to land, 10.30 a.m., the sun was high to make his appearance while with only a slight breeze blowing the cold was not to any degree appreciable.

3. In accordance with the arrangements made and approved by me overnight the m.v. "Lagarto" entered the inner harbour of Port Stanley early that morning flying my flag. The Acting Colonial Secretary, Mr. J. M. Ellis, came off at 10 o'clock in the harbour launch "Penguin" and at 10.15 o'clock I left the m.v. "Lagarto" in uniform accompanied by the Acting Colonial Secretary and by my Aide-de-Camp, Mr. Bentinck. On nearing the jetty in the Government Dockyard the customary salute /

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salute of seventeen guns was fired in my honour from Victory Green and a Union Jack was broken on the most prominent flagstaff at the waters' edge by the Town Hall. Simultaneously the bells of the Cathedral began to chime with impressive charm.

4. I made my landing at the head of the jetty in the Government Dockyard where the members of Councils, Heads of Departments, Justices of the Peace, and other prominent local residents were waiting to be presented to me and I am glad to say I was also received in the Dockyard itself by representatives of the Committees of the Stanley Benefit Club and of the Working Mens' Social Club as well as by the general public who were present, I am informed, in an unusually large number. There-upon after inspecting the smartly turned-out guard-of-honour furnished by the Falkland Islands Defence Force, I proceeded to the Court House in the Town Hall where I caused the King's Commission appointing me as Governor to be read, took the customary oaths on assumption of office, and delivered His Majesty's personal message to the people of the Colony in a speech, of which I enclose a copy for your information. His Majesty's gracious message was received with loyal and marked enthusiasm.

In duplicate.

5. I had stated in a wireless message before my arrival that I wished, if possible, as my first official act, to lay a wreath at the foot of the war memorial as a token of homage and respect, so at the close of these ceremonies I walked with the members of the Councils and other notabilities and

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with a large following of the general public to the Falkland Islands Battle Memorial where I laid the wreath at the foot of the figure of Victory. A guard-of-honour was drawn up there and the Band played the National Anthem. As soon as this was finished I returned to Government House.

6. I am glad to state my reception was cordial in the extreme.

7. In conclusion I would add that the arrangements for my reception were planned with great care and foresight by Mr. J. M. Ellis, Acting Colonial Secretary, and were executed without hitch, and I have to express my satisfaction at their complete efficiency.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

15th June, 1927.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 102.

Sir,

In duplicate.

I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of a report by Mr. W. Barlas, Acting Magistrate, South Georgia, on the whaling operations in that Dependency during the season 1926-1927.

2. You will observe that although the total catch of 5,204 whales shows a decrease of 2,615 as compared with last season's catch the production of oil and the average number of barrels to a standard whale are the highest yet recorded while the production of guano is considerably increased. This satisfactory position is to be attributed to the large number of blue whales taken, 3,670 or 70.5 per centum of the total catch, an increase as compared with last season of 1,725 or 47.5 per centum. The number of blue whales taken is again the highest yet recorded during any season at South Georgia.

3. The value of the products of the industry is estimated at £1,968,000 which figure is less by £5,000 approximately than the corresponding figure for last season. That no increase in the value of the products of this exceptional season can be anticipated is due to the fact that the quoted price of oil on which the estimate is based

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has fallen this year from £33 to £26 the ton.

4. It is a matter for comment that the unusually favourable conditions at South Georgia should have coincided with a season of depression at the South Shetlands. I am not in a position to hazard any conjecture at present as to the reason for this sharp contrast but I understand that Dr. S. Kemp, Director of Research in the "Discovery" expedition, holds the firm opinion that the whale visitors to South Georgia and to the South Shetlands represent two different streams of migration.

5. I propose to address you in due course in regard to the whaling industry at South Georgia in general as well as in regard to the questions of the basis of the payment of bonus to the gunners on whale catchers and to the extension of the close season at South Georgia to which reference is made in Lieutenant-Colonel Beattie's despatch, No. 105 of the 24th of September, 1926, forwarding a copy of the Magistrate's report for the season 1925-1926.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

16th June, 1927.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 103.

Sir,

I have the honour to request that steps may be taken to arrange for the despatch to the Colony at an early a date as possible of the Falkland Islands Battle film.

2. I would explain that I consider it highly desirable to stimulate in every way practicable the patriotic feeling which already exists in such a marked degree among the people of the Falkland Islands and the more so in view of their isolated position as a unit of the Empire and of their close contiguity to the continent of Latin America. It cannot in my opinion but be productive of much good that they and their children should be afforded a special opportunity of seeing the record of their particular engagement which was fraught with such vital issue to them all.

3. I would add that suitable arrangements can be made for the exhibition of the film at the local cinematograph which is maintained in connection with the Roman Catholic Mission church and school.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

ARNOLD HODSON.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 104.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

16th June, 1927.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit a copy of a letter with enclosure and accompanying questionnaire form in original which has been addressed to the Colonial Secretary by the Acting British Consul at Punta Arenas, Chile, and to request that the views of My Lords of the Admiralty may be sought as to whether they have any objection to the supply by this Government of the information desired by the American Vice Consul in charge at Punta Arenas for inclusion in the Port Directory of United States Navy with reference to the port of Stanley.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient;

humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

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ENCLOSURE TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH, No. 104
of the 16th of June, 1927.

COPY.

BRITISH CONSULATE,
PUNTA ARENAS, CHILE.
11th June, 1927.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose questionnaire form, which the United States' Vice Consul, Mr. John T. Garvin, has asked me to be good enough to transmit to the proper authorities in the Falkland Islands.

Attached is also letter received from the above mentioned official, forwarding the questionnaire form in question.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(SGD.) J. DICKSON.

Acting British Consul.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,
COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
STANLEY,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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AMERICAN CONSULAR SERVICE.

Punta Arenas, Chile, May 6, 1927.

COPY.

John Dickson, Esquire,
Acting British Consul,
City.

Dear Sir and Colleague:

I have been directed to endeavour to obtain the data called for by the enclosed seventeen page questionnaire-form for the Port Directory of the United States Navy with reference to Port Stanley.

It would be a great service if you would kindly transmit the questionnaire-form to the proper authorities in the Falklands, who, I am confident, will cause the form to be filled out and returned to you at their earliest convenience.

Through the courtesies of the Chilean Naval Commander at this port I have just completed the report on Punta Arenas.

Thanking you in anticipation for this courtesy and assistance, and assuring you of my willingness to reciprocate this service at any time, I remain, dear Sir and Colleague,

Respectfully yours

(SGD.) JOHN T. GARVIN.

American Vice Consul in charge.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,

16th June, 1927.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 105.

Sir,

In duplicate.

I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of a report by Mr. W. C. Rumbolds forwarded to me by Mr. W. Barlas, Acting Magistrate, South Georgia, on the whaling operations at the Dependency of the South Orkneys during the season 1926-1927.

2. You will observe that despite the unusually severe weather and ice conditions which prevailed during the season the results both in regard to the total production of oil and to the average yield per standard whale were the best hitherto obtained. The s.s. "Orwell", the floating factory belonging to the Tonsberg Company, shows the following comparative figures for the past and previous seasons :-

Season.	Whales caught.	Oil produced (barrels).	Average per standard whale.
1924-1925.	507	23,315.	61.5.
1925-1926.	623	27,000.	69.2.
1926-1927.	589	42,000.	90.1.

3. A most satisfactory feature is the marked increase in the average yield per standard whale from 69.2 barrels in 1925-1926 to 90.1 barrels or more than 25 per centum. This increase is due to the/

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the fact that both blue and fin whales were plentiful on the whaling grounds of the Dependency throughout the season and that their condition was on the whole remarkably good. The averages obtained by the floating factories belonging to the Southern Whaling and Sealing Company, Limited, and to Chr. Salvesen and Company which operated at the South Orkneys during part of the season in accordance with the special permission granted by your telegram of the 29th of October, 1926, were equally satisfactory except in the case of the s.s. "Saragossa" belonging to the latter company whose average was 81.5 barrels only per standard whale.

4. It is of interest to notice that this exceptionally good season at the South Orkneys coincided with a similar season at South Georgia in direct antithesis to the conditions which obtained at the South Shetlands. Until more definite knowledge is available, however, in regard to whale movements off the South Orkneys I feel that it is premature to comment on the facts recorded.

5. I would add that the results of the season's working would seem so far as they go to reinforce the suggestion put forward in Mr. Ellis's despatch, No. 92 of the 1st of June, 1927, that some relief might be afforded to the South Shetlands' fishing grounds by the transfer to the South Orkneys of one or more of the floating factories already licensed to operate at the

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Dependency.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

3. You will observe that despite the unusually severe weather and low conditions which prevailed during the season the results were as regards the total production of oil and in the average yield per standard whale were the best hitherto obtained. The S.S. "Grellia", the floating factory belonging to the Western Company, shows the following comparative figures for the past and previous seasons:-

Season.	Whales caught.	Oil produced (barrels).	Average per standard whale.
1925-1926.	577	23,315.	40.2.
1926-1927.	523	27,000.	51.2.
1927-1928.	583	42,771.	73.1.

4. I am satisfied that the increase in the average yield per standard whale from 40.2 barrels in 1925-1926 to 73.1 barrels in 1927-1928 is due to the fact that the weather was more favourable.

Yours faithfully,

L. G. W. H. ARMY, F.C., S.P.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

17th June, 1927.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 106.

Sir,

In duplicate.

I have the honour to forward for your information a copy of a despatch which I have addressed to His Britannic Majesty's Ambassador at Buenos Aires relative to the possibility of the development of a trade between the Colony and the Argentine in pate de foie gras to be manufactured locally from the liver of the wild goose common in the Falkland Islands.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 107.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

17th June, 1927.

Sir,

In duplicate.

I have the honour to forward for your information a copy of a letter addressed at my direction by the Colonial Secretary to the Secretary of the National Rifle Association enquiring whether it is possible for the Rifle Club which is run in conjunction with the Falkland Islands Defence Force to become affiliated to the National Rifle Association if it so desires and asking for advice generally in the matter of rifle shooting competitions.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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ENCLOSURE TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH. No. 107
of the 17th of June, 1927.

COPY.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.
17th June, 1927.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to enquire whether it is possible for the Rifle Club which is run in conjunction with the Falkland Islands Defence Force to become affiliated to the National Rifle Association if it so desires.

2. I would explain that the local Defence Force is duly established by Ordinance 7 of 1920 and is classified as a Colonial Auxiliary Force.

3. I am further to enquire for what competitions open to the Empire the Rifle Club could enter shooting on its own ranges.

4. I am to say that His Excellency would be grateful in any case if you would be so good as to draw up for guidance locally a suitable programme for a two days' Bisley meeting in the event that it may be practicable to arrange one in the Colony.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(SGD.) J. M. ELLIS.

Acting Colonial Secretary.

THE SECRETARY
THE NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION,
BISLEY CAMP,
BROOKWOOD.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 108.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,

17th June, 1927.

Sir,

With reference to my despatch, No. 101 of the 15th of June, 1927, reporting my assumption of the Government of this Colony and its Dependencies and my delivery of the King's personal message to the people of the Falkland Islands,

In duplicate.

I have the honour to transmit, for submission to His Majesty, if you so think proper, a copy of a letter which has been addressed to me by the members of the Executive and Legislative Councils of the Colony conveying on behalf of the people of the Falkland Islands their grateful thanks for and loyal appreciation of His Majesty's gracious message and personal interest.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

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ENCLOSURE TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH. No. 108
OF THE 17TH OF JUNE. 1927.

COPY.

STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS.

16th June, 1927.

Your Excellency,

We, the members of the Executive and Legislative Councils of the Colony of the Falkland Islands and its Dependencies, beg that Your Excellency will be pleased to submit most respectfully to the King on behalf of the people of the Colony, the expression of our loyal and grateful thanks for His Majesty's gracious message on the occasion of the assumption by Your Excellency of the Government of the Colony.

We all derive a warm encouragement from His Majesty's personal interest in our lives and in our work, and we wish to affirm our true devotion to His Majesty and to the Empire.

We have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Excellency's most
obedient, humble servants,

(SGD.) J. M. ELLIS,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

(SGD.) M. CRAIGIE-HALKETT,
Colonial Treasurer.

(SGD.) F. C. W. DEANE,
Colonial Surgeon.

(SGD.) H. H. R. GRESHAM,
M. L. C.

HIS EXCELLENCY
ARNOLD WIENHOLT HODSON, ESQ., C.M.G.,
GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,

1st July, 1927.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 109.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Circular despatch of the 23rd of April, 1927, on the subject of the International Dairy Congress which is to be held in England in July, 1928, and to inform you with reference to the enquiry made in the fourth paragraph of the despatch that I do not consider that participation in the Congress would serve in any way to further the interests of this Colony.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 110.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

1st July, 1927.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Circular despatch of the 10th of March, 1927, relative to the issue of "certificats de Coutume" in the case of British subjects marrying in France, and to inform you with reference to the enquiry made in paragraph 3 of the despatch that the law of this Colony admits of the statements made in the first paragraph of the enclosed form of certificate.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

Humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 111.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

1st July, 1927.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit under separate cover, for transmission, if you think proper, to the Hydrographer of the Admiralty, a chart of a running survey of the Dependency of the South Orkneys made by Captain Belgau of the floating factory s.s. "Southern Queen" of the Southern Whaling and Sealing Company during the past whaling season 1926-1927.

2. I should be glad to receive in due course copies of any corrected chart which may be prepared on the basis of the information recorded by Captain Belgau who, I understand, bears a high reputation as a navigator.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,
1st July, 1927.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 112.

Sir,

With reference to your despatch, No. 35 of the 29th of April, 1927, enquiring whether a medical certificate was produced in support of the application of Mr. H. S. Valentine, Assistant Master, Government School, Stanley, to be permitted to resign his appointment on the ground of ill-health, I have the honour to invite your reference to Lieutenant-Colonel Beattie's subsequent despatch, No. 58 of the 26th of March, 1927, among the enclosures in which were forwarded two medical certificates furnished in this connection by the Colonial Surgeon dated the 8th and the 10th of March, 1927.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

1st July, 1927.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 115.

Sir,

In duplicate.

I have the honour to transmit a copy of a letter with enclosure addressed by the Acting Magistrate, South Georgia, to the Colonial Secretary relative to the writing off of certain stores found to be missing or useless by a Board of Survey on the property of the "Discovery" expedition at the Marine Station, South Georgia.

2. You will see that in many instances the articles listed for writing off are not of a perishable nature and would appear to be of an appreciable value. Insufficient information is given moreover as to whether the several items are deficient or worn-out and no explanation is furnished in the case of such items as may be deficient.

3. I do not feel justified in the circumstances in authorizing the writing off of these articles without further enquiry and it is not possible for me to disregard Mr. Barlas' suggestion as to the careless supervision of valuable stores.

4. As you are aware the Marine Station is closed at present for the winter season and Mr. J. Hamilton, the late Officer-in-Charge, is

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in the United Kingdom on leave of absence. I would suggest therefore that the matter of the writing off of these articles might be referred to the Secretary of the "Discovery" Committee for further action.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

ENCLOSURE TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH, No. 113
of the 1st of July, 1927.

FROM THE ACTING MAGISTRATE, SOUTH GEORGIA, TO THE
COLONIAL SECRETARY, DATED 3rd JUNE, 1927.

I beg to inform you that at the request of
Mr. Hamilton, Officer-in-Charge of the Marine
Station a board consisting of the Acting Magistrate,
Customs Officer and Assistant Customs Officer,
checked the furniture, scientific stores and food
at the Marine Station and forward herewith our
recommendations with regard to articles found
missing and of no use.

It appears to me that in the circumstances all
that can be done is to recommend that the articles
shewn on the list attached hereto, be written off.
The majority of articles missing are of small value
and breakage would probably account for most, but
the loss of the prismatic compass would seem to have
been due to no check being kept on valuable articles.

I am certain that they have been issued
at odd times and (SGD.) W. BARLAS.
Acting Magistrate.

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| Jelly, Red Curr. Lbs. | 3. |
| Catmeal, Tins. | 1. |
| Sausages, Tins. | 1. |
| Curry, Tinned. | 1. |
| Sugar, Gran. Lbs. | 10. |
| Tea, Lbs. | 5. |

LIST OF ARTICLES FOR WRITING OFF.

Blankets, Brown.	2.
Cutters, pastry.	sets, 1.
Irons, flat.	2.
Hatchets.	1.
Axes.	1.
Knives, Cooks.	6.
Pans, dust.	1.
Spanners, Adj.	1. (Gone to RRS "Discovery")
Crowbar, Sm.	1.
Hammers, Coopers.	1.
Mast for Dinghy.	1.
Calipers, Slid.	1.
Balers.	2.
Chain, Light. Fms.	6.
Extractors,	
Shot Cartridge.	2.
Lamps, Hurricane.	1.
Tarpaulins	4. (Wornout)
Compass, Prism.	1.
T - Squares, wood.	2. ? Gone to ships.

FOOD.

Butter, Lbs.	95. (Gone bad).
Bacon, Tins 6lb.	6. -do-
Margarine, Lbs.	3. -do-
Milk, Cond. Tins.	24. -do-
Ketchup, Bots.	1. -do-

There are also the following shortages of food stocks. I am certain that they have been issued at odd times and forgotten when making up the weekly issue list, I therefore ask permission to enter them in the book as issued.

Jelly, Red Curr. Lbs.	3.
Oatmeal, Tins.	1.
Sausages, Tins.	1.
Soups, Tinned.	2.
Sugar, Gran. Lbs.	28.
Tea, Lbs.	5.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,
2nd July, 1927.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 114.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that at the request of the Dean of Stanley I unveiled on Sunday the 19th of June, 1927, a tablet which has been erected in the Cathedral by the Falkland Islands Battle Memorial Committee to the memory of all Falkland Islanders who gave their lives in the Great War.

2. The ceremony of the unveiling and of the subsequent dedication by the Dean took place during a specially arranged Mattins service of the order of which I enclose a copy and to which I was accompanied by my Aide-de-Camp and by the Colonial Secretary, the Honourable H. H. R. Gresham, M.L.C., the local Secretary to the Memorial Committee unfortunately being prevented by ill-health. The service was attended by a strong parade of past and present members of the Falkland Islands Defence Force and by a large congregation which filled the Cathedral to overflowing.

3. The tablet itself is of oak handsomely decorated in blue and gold and engraved with the names of the twenty Falkland Islanders who fell in the war. You will recollect that of this

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Enclosure 1.

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Enclosure II.

number eight were drowned in Stanley harbour while on active service locally with the Falkland Islands Volunteer Corps. I enclose copies of two photographs of the tablet.

Enclosure III.

4. Prior to the act of unveiling I delivered an address to the congregation from the chancel steps. I annex a copy of the address for your information.

5. I would add that I was much impressed by the solemn beauty of the service and by the reverent demeanour of those who took part in it.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,

2nd July, 1927.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No.115.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that I have granted to Mr.A.G.Bennett, Customs Officer and Assistant to the Government Naturalist, vacation leave for four and a half months from the 3rd of July, 1927, to the 17th November, 1927, inclusive, to be followed by leave of absence with half salary for one and a half months from the 18th November, 1927, to the 2nd January, 1928, and to enclose herewith a certificate of leave in the usual form.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient

humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

L. C. M. S. AMERY, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,
2nd July, 1927.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 116.

Sir,

In duplicate.

With reference to Mr. Ellis's despatch. No. 91 of the 1st of June, 1927, on the subject of the measures which have been taken locally for combating the pest of the blow-fly, I have the honour to transmit, for your information, a copy of a despatch which I have addressed to the Ambassador at Buenos Aires requesting his assistance in the matter of the introduction into this Colony of lizards from the Argentine as an auxiliary force in the campaign against the blow-fly.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 117.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

2nd July, 1927.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Circular despatch of the 26th of April, 1927, relative to the proposal that the Director of Agriculture and the Heads of other Technical Departments concerned in the service of Colonial Governments should make a practice of sending to the Imperial Institute twice yearly a brief summary of the research work regarding raw materials accomplished during the previous six months, and to inform you with reference to the enquiry made in paragraph 7 of your despatch that no research work of the nature indicated is being undertaken in the Colony of the Falkland Islands and its Dependencies at the present time.

2. I would add that in the event of any such work being undertaken in the future I anticipate no difficulty in furnishing the Imperial Institute with the half-yearly reports desired.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 118.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

2nd July, 1927.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your despatch, No. 113 of the 11th of November, 1926, on the subject of compensation to be awarded in respect of certain consignments of livestock and fodder shipped to the Falkland Islands in the s.s. "Bogota" and prevented from landing owing to an outbreak of anthrax on shipboard.

2. I would explain in the first place that there has been a delay in the settlement of this matter as it was learned that one of the parties interested, Mr. A. Morrison, the case referred to in paragraph 4 of Sir John Middleton's letter of the 8th of November, 1926, which formed an enclosure in your despatch under reference, had his claim for compensation met by the underwriters and it was desired to learn definitely whether similar treatment would not be afforded also in respect of the remaining claims. It has now been ascertained, however, that the underwriters will admit no liability on the livestock and fodder shipped to Mr. J. Hamilton and Messrs Dean and Company.

3. In accordance with your instructions I have authorised therefore the payment from the
Land/

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Land Sales Fund to Mr. Hamilton and Messrs Dean of the sums of £442. 13s. 9d and £674. 8s. 5d, respectively.

4. I have caused it to be made clear in this connection, as directed in paragraph 3 of your despatch, both to the Manager of the Falkland Islands Company as Agents for the parties interested and by notice to the general public that this payment is purely ex-gratia and will not be regarded as a precedent for the award of similar compensation in the future.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,

2nd July, 1927.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 119.

Sir,

In continuation of Mr. Ellis's despatch, No. 92 of the 1st of June, 1927, transmitting a copy of an interim report by Mr. A. G. Bennett, Whaling Officer, on the whaling season 1926-1927 at the South Shetlands, I have the honour to transmit for your information a copy of a final report from Mr. Bennett giving the tabulated returns of the season's catch which as you will recollect were omitted from the interim report.

In duplicate.

2. I would refer in this connection to Mr. Ellis's despatch, No. 89 of the 26th of May, 1927, from which it will be seen that the estimated catch at the South Orkneys of the three floating factories, the s.s. "Southern Queen", the s.s. "Saragossa", and the s.s. "Sevilla", licensed for the South Shetlands and permitted specially to operate at the former Dependency during the season, amounted to 782 whales with a yield of 56,351 barrels of oil.

3. If allowance is made for the results of these operations at the South Orkneys the number of whales taken at the South Shetlands is 4,056 as compared with the record number of 4,746 in the 1925-1926 season and 3,742 in the 1924-1925 season.

4. On a similar basis the yield of oil during
1926/

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1926-1927 was 213,950 barrels as compared with 291,981 barrels in 1925-1926, and 232,366 in 1924-1925, and the average per whale 52.7 barrels as compared with 61.5 and 62.2 barrels per whale respectively in the two preceding seasons.

5. As stated in paragraph 3 of Mr. Ellis's despatch, No. 92 of the 1st of June, 1927, these comparatively unsatisfactory results are to be attributed to the small number and poor condition of the whales taken throughout the greater part of the season.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 120.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

2nd July, 1927.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that one of my first cares on assuming the Government of this Colony has been to take measures to revive interest locally in the Boy Scouts movement.

2. You are doubtless aware that troops of Boy Scouts have been started on more than one occasion in Stanley but that consequent on a series of misfortunes into which I do not propose to enter the movement at the time of my arrival was dormant.

3. I invited therefore a number of leading local gentlemen to meet me at Government House on the 25th of June, and I discussed in detail with them the matter of a revival. I am glad to say that I found them to be unanimous in their enthusiasm for the cause and that the Local Association was there and then reformed and an Executive Committee elected of which the officers are Mr. J. M. Ellis, Acting Colonial Secretary, Chairman, Mr. M. C. Craigie-Halkett, Colonial Treasurer, Treasurer, and Mr. A. W. N. Vincent of the Falkland Islands Company, Secretary, and on which the following gentlemen have expressed their/

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their willingness to serve, viz:- Mr. H. H. R. Gresham, M.L.C., the Dean of Stanley, Mr. A. R. Hoare, Government Schoolmaster, Mr. J. M. Coutts, M.M., Dental Surgeon, and Mr. M. Creece, Secretary of the Working Mens' Social Club. Mr. L. Hardy of Stanley has undertaken the duties of Scoutmaster and Mr. A. Jones, Second Clerk in the Treasury, and Mr. R. Baseley, Junior, the duties of Assistant Scoutmasters. Promises of practical assistance have been received from other sources and the boys are coming forward eagerly to join the troop. The District Commissioner, Mr. R. B. Baseley, Colonial Engineer, is lending his support and encouragement and I have every reason to anticipate that a full measure of success will attend the endeavours which are being made in this direction.

4. On my instruction a number of scouts outfits have been ordered by telegram through the Crown Agents for the Colonies for supply at as early a date as possible and I have caused it to be made known to the boys that it is the desire of this Government that the Colony should be represented by a detachment of its best scouts at the next Imperial Gathering.

5. I would add that I intend to identify myself as Chief Scout as closely as possible with the movement which I feel cannot but be for the good of the Colony and I shall not fail to keep you advised from time to time of developments in this connection.

6. I enclose for your information a copy of a personal letter which I have addressed to Sir

In duplicate.

Robert/

In duplicate.

Robert Baden-Powell in the matter, as also a copy of a notice which has been issued to the people by the Secretary of the Local Association.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

2nd July, 1927.

No. 121.

Sir,

With reference to your despatch, No. 8, of the 19th of January, 1927, and to previous correspondence on the subject of the construction of a slipway at Stanley I have the honour to transmit to you a copy of a letter which has been addressed to the Colonial Secretary in this connection by the local Manager of the Falkland Islands Company enquiring whether I am prepared to give favourable consideration to the acquisition by the Falkland Islands Company for this purpose of a site on the south shore of Stanley harbour almost opposite to the entrance as indicated in red on the enclosed plan.

Enclosure I.

Enclosure II.

2. In the first place I would state that I am strongly in favour of granting the site and permission required and in view of the fact that the Company will run grave financial risks in the undertaking I consider that they should not be hampered more than necessary by irksome conditions attached to the concession. As a business concern they will naturally do everything in their power to handle as large a number of craft as possible in order to increase their turn-over and resultant/

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resultant profit. I consider they show courage in wishing to embark on this undertaking with its serious financial outlay, and that every encouragement should be given them.

3. I am influenced in my opinion by the consideration that consequent upon the construction and operation of an adequate slipway at Stanley large sums of money now spent out of the Colony would be spent here. For example I have but to refer to the case of H.M.C.S. "Afterglow" which has for the second time since her purchase in 1921 been sent for refit at Punta Arenas at a cost of some £5,000, and to the case of the s.s. "Falkland" the coasting steamer maintained by the Falkland Islands Company, upon which the sum of £14,000 was expended at Monte Video for overhaul and repair in 1921. Furthermore the Admiralty oil barge No. O.C. 82 which is stationed in the port needs to have her bottom sighted. This has not been done for three years and must be done locally as the difficulties of towing her elsewhere are too great.

4. Moreover there is every reason to anticipate that the whale-catchers belonging to the South Shetlands fleet which at present go to Monte Video for repairs and to lie up during the winter months would come instead to Stanley if proper facilities were available. The trade of the Colony would thus receive an appreciable stimulus during the slack season, money would come into the Colony, and a wider market would be opened for the sale of sheep for fresh mutton and cold storage.

5. I have to recommend accordingly that the Falkland Islands Company should be ceded the site desired without payment and be granted permission to erect a 600 ton slipway as proposed. In return for this cession it might be arranged that craft belonging to this Government and to the Admiralty should be handled at less than the usual rates.

6. I would suggest that if the project is generally to your approval the details might form the subject of negotiations between representatives of the Colonial Office, the Admiralty, and the Falkland Islands Company in London.

7. I should be grateful in any case if you will be good enough to inform me by telegram of the course of action which best commends itself to you in this matter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,
5th July, 1927.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 122.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that in accordance with section 5 of the Royal Instructions dated the 28th of February, 1920, I have appointed Mr. Henry Herbert Russell Gresham, M.L.C., J.P., local Manager of the Falkland Islands Company, to be provisionally a Member of the Executive Council during the absence from the Colony of Mr. George Bonner, M.E.C.

2. I have to request that I may be notified in due course of the confirmation or disallowance by His Majesty of this provisional appointment.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

L. C. M. S. AMERY, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

5th July, 1927.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 123.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to my telegram of the 30th of June, 1927, recommending the expenditure from the surplus balances of a further sum of £3,500 for the improvement of the remaining roads in the town of Stanley which are not included in the revised scheme of new Works as approved by your telegram of the 14th of September, 1925, in reply to Sir John Middleton's despatch, No. 79 of the 10th of July, 1925.

In duplicate.

2. I enclose a copy of a report made in this connection by Mr. G. Roberts, Executive Engineer, together with copies of the six photographs thereto annexed, from which the need of the additional work proposed becomes only too apparent.

3. In my opinion the execution of the work cannot be long delayed and it seems both practical and economical to put it in hand as part of the scheme already in progress. I have consulted the members of the Executive and Legislative Councils in the matter and they are unanimous in their advice that the improvements in question are essentially required and should be undertaken at as early a date as possible.

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

4. As you are aware the financial position is not such as to cause any difficulty. The surplus balances to the credit of the general account of the Colony amounted at the 31st of December, 1926, to £41,891 and the estimated expenditure during the current year against the sum so accumulated is £7,700 only. In any case, I understand, that it has been the intention hitherto to undertake these improvements in the near future either by annual extensions or other compromise.

5. I trust therefore that the sanction sought in my telegram referred to above will have been already granted by you.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

3. The materials collected from the gratings, sumps and manholes give proof of the casual method in vogue of disposing of house and garden refuse and waste from post sheds. The refuse mentioned below was cleared from one manhole, which had been conveyed through the main sealed drains, from which it was

2 No. 3 lb. coffee tins.

1 No. Coffee pot.

4 yds. Fencing wire.

4 yds. Fencing netting.

Quantity of cabbage stems, turnips and decayed vegetable matter.

ENCLOSURE TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH, No. 123
of the 5th of July, 1927.

COPY.

REPORT BY EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, STANLEY IMPROVEMENT WORKS, ON CONDITION OF ROADS IN STANLEY, DATED 18th June, 1927.

I beg to report that on Sunday and Monday the 12th and 13th June, 1927, I made a general survey of the drains and roads in the town, and submit the following observations for your information.

DRAINS.

2. A heavy fall of rain was experienced on the evening of the 11th June, and in making a tour of the town on the 12th June, it was found that the drains laid under the Improvement Works had worked efficiently. It was noticed however that most of the gratings covering the sumps and several of the sumps had become choked with refuse, mostly of a putrid vegetable matter, which had no doubt been blown by the strong wind from the roads and from the many unsatisfactory ash receptacles. This past garden, etc., refuse had been previously thrown on the roads and gutters.

3. The materials collected from the gratings, sumps and manholes give proof of the casual method in vogue of disposing of house and garden refuse and waste from peat sheds. The refuse mentioned below was cleared from one manhole, which had been conveyed through the main sealed drains :-

2 No. 2 lb. coffee tins.
 1 No. Coffee pot.
 4 yds. Fencing wire.
 4 pcs. Fencing battens.
 Quantity of cabbage stumps, tussac and
 decayed vegetable matter.

4. I submit that the Government will not allow this method of disposal to continue as being the simplest and cheapest means, and if the drains are to continue to be choked with such refuse as mentioned above it will be disastrous to the new works being carried out.

5. The establishment of an official scavenging service would be the ideal to aim at, but in the meantime I would suggest that a tightening up of such regulations as are in force would greatly assist matters.

ROADS.

6. The state of the majority of the roads above Fitzroy Road is appalling; many of them are nothing less than rough cart tracks and some are feet deep with mud and peat slurry.

7. The composition of these so called roads is mainly peat and clay, without any foundation, and after being cut up by carts, exposure to frost and heavy rains, these 'roads' become so impregnated with moisture as to render them impassable.

8. Very little has been done to them in past years except for a little broken metal and peat ash to be thrown on them from time to time and then left for pedestrians and horses to consolidate. They lack any proper grading for carrying off surface water, and the presence of water and ponding is so detrimental to any road. The important principle of land drainage on many of the roads has been ignored, thus causing the present unsatisfactory condition.

9. The gradients of the roads running North and South to the South of John Street are generally very steep/

steep of about 1 in 8. The open side ditches through these roads intended to carry off surface water have long ceased to function, with the result that the surface water finds its way down the road cutting deep ruts and flooding those parts of the town which are now being dealt with under the Improvement Works, and unless this is remedied it will tend to jeopardize the drainage and road work now being carried out.

10. This flooding also saturates many of the backyards making them a quagmire, and as only a few of the houses have damp courses laid or under floor ventilation it is detrimental to the health of the occupiers.

11. Apart from the ill effects and inconvenience this must have on the inhabitants, I submit that much of the £15,500, which has been allocated to sealed and surface drainage and roads in the lower parts of Stanley under the Improvement Scheme, will be wasted, unless further sums are spent on many of the other roads and drains in the upper reaches of the town, and I beg to urge in the interests of the Government that this matter should receive serious consideration.

12. As stated in my report of the 20th of June, 1925, there are approximately 5 miles of road within the town boundary, and the sum voted for roads under the Improvement Works covers approximately $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles of these roads.

13. The sum voted for Ross Road (from Public Jetty to West end of Malvina House), St. Mary's Walk
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and John Street, and the connecting Roads, Barrack Street, Villiers Street, Dean Street and Philomel Street is £5,600. (See Bases of Estimates forwarded with report dated 20th June, 1925). This left £900 for other roads in the town, £500 of which has been expended as follows :

Magazine Valley Road (from Ross Road) and road to Improvement Works Depot.	£.
Forming road, rolling, watering, etc.	230.
Ross Road (From "Malvina" House corner to Magazine Valley Road).	
Forming road, spreading metal, grading, rolling blinding etc. and laying concrete pavement.	185.
Allardyce Street, Drury Street, King Street.	
Spreading metal, levelling and filling holes suitable for traffic.	85.
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	£500.
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It is proposed to spend the remaining £400 on the following roads :-

Fitzroy Road (East End).	£.
Repairs to road.	
(Vide M.P. 449/19).	50.
Remainder of Fitzroy Road.	100.
James Street.	50.
Allardyce Street.	50.
Philomel Street. (John St. to Fitzroy Road).	75.
Moody Street.	75.
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	£400.
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14. Estimates are attached for improving the remaining roads in the town, together with photographs showing the existing condition of some of the roads.

(SGD.) G. ROBERTS.

Executive Engineer.

Encl.

Estimates.

6 No. photographs.

Maha Street.

See photograph No. 2.
Camber road, cut down sides to allow
surface water to flow to stone channel,
metal and blind.

448. 0. 0.

Willow Street.

This road is in a similar condition
to Maha Street as depicted on
photograph No. 2.
Camber, cut down sides, metal and
blind road.

200. 0. 0.

Deen Street.

See photograph No. 3.
Camber, cut down sides, metal and
blind road, and slab gutter on
East side.

337. 10. 0.

Villiers Street.

See photograph No. 4.
Camber, cut down sides, metal and
blind road, and allow for gutter
down East side between Fitzroy Road
and John Street.

292. 0. 0.

Drury Street.

Grade, metal and blind road.

125. 0. 0.

Carried Forward ... 5347. 10. 0.

ROADS.

Estimates for Improving.

Ross Road. (From Public Jetty to Cemetery).

Fill up pot holes and trim sides to allow surface water to flow to existing ditch.	£.	s.	d.
	65.	0.	0.

Fitzroy Road (East End).

Photograph No. 1 shows the present state of this road.

Please see resident's petition and estimate for making up road in M.P. 449/19.

£100 is being spent on this section of road from Improvement Works vote.

Estimated further amount required.	80.	0.	0.
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Hebe Street.

See photograph No. 2.

Camber road, cut down sides to allow surface water to flow to stone channel, metal and blind.

	448.	0.	0.
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Philomel Street.

This road is in a similar condition to Hebe Street as depicted on photograph No. 2.

Camber, cut down sides, metal and blind road.

	200.	0.	0.
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Dean Street.

See photograph No. 3.

Camber, cut down sides, metal and blind road, and slab gutter on East side.

	337.	10.	0.
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Villiers Street.

See photograph No. 4.

Camber, cut down sides, metal and blind road, and allow for gutter down East side between Fitzroy Road and John Street.

	292.	0.	0.
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Drury Street.

Grade, metal and blind road.

	125.	0.	0.
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Carried Forward	...	£1547.	10.	0.
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£. s. d.

Brought Forward ... 1547. 10. 0.

Two roads connecting Drury Street to Moody Street.

East of "Rose" Hotel and West of Colonial Surgeon's Residence.

Form foundation, camber, metal and blind etc. road, and allow for gutter down East side of road opposite "Rose" Hotel.

181. 10. 0.

Moody Street. (East End).

Remove peat and clay, form foundation, camber, metal and blind road.

280. 0. 0.

Road leading from Moody Street to Common Gate.

Similar condition to Hebe Street (photograph No. 2).

Camber, cut down sides, metal and blind road.

70. 0. 0.

King Street.

Remove peat and clay. Form foundation, camber metal and blind road, slab bottom of ditch and grade bank down West side for 80 yards.

200. 0. 0.

Davis Street.

See photographs Nos. 5 and 6.

This road is deplorable.

There is but little property adjoining this road however, and it is only occasionally used for peat carting.

To make a road of this a considerable amount of excavation, blasting, clearing and drainage is needed.

Estimated Cost ... 1200. 0. 0.

£3479. 0. 0.

(SAY - £3,480.)

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,

7th July, 1927.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 124.

Sir,

With reference to my despatch, No. 115 of the 2nd of July, 1927, reporting the grant to Mr. A. G. Bennett, Customs Officer, of four and a half months' vacation leave to be followed by one and a half months' leave with half salary, I have the honour to inform you that it has become necessary to make a number of acting appointments to provide for the satisfactory performance of public business during Mr. Bennett's absence.

2. Mr. S. H. Riches, Assistant Customs Officer, will act as Customs Officer in Mr. Bennett's stead and Mr. M. E. Evans, Post Boy and Messenger, Post Office, as Assistant Customs Officer, the temporary services of Mr. Clovis W. McGill being engaged to fill the gap left by Mr. Evans.

3. It is in the matter of the salaries to be paid to Mr. Evans and Mr. McGill that I desire to address you having regard more particularly to the provisions of Colonial Regulations 76 and 247. As Post Boy and Messenger Mr. Evans receives salary at the rate of £50 per annum and he will not be eligible to receive any additional emoluments in respect of his acting appointment until

Mr. /

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

L. C. M. S. AMERY, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

Mr. Bennett begins to draw half salary at the end of his four and a half months' vacation leave. He will then be eligible to receive the one half of the salary of his substantive office at £25 per annum plus the one half of the salary of the Assistant Customs Officer at £87. 10s. 0d, per annum or in all salary at the rate of £112. 10s. 0d, per annum. I do not consider that it is equitable to call upon Mr. Evans to perform the responsible duties of Assistant Customs Officer and to receive his own salary as Post Boy and Messenger only during this period of four and a half months and I would seek your sanction accordingly to pay him a special allowance at the rate of £50 per annum from available savings under item 1. Personal Emoluments of Head IV. "TREASURY AND CUSTOMS" in addition to his own salary for the time stated.

4. Similarly Mr. McGill while acting as Post Boy and Messenger is eligible to receive the half salary of the office at £25 per annum only. I submit that it is not reasonable to expect to obtain the services of a satisfactory person at this rate and I ask your authority therefore to pay Mr. McGill the full salary of the office at the rate of £50 per annum during his temporary tenure of it. Equivalent savings to meet the required expenditure are again available under item 1. Personal Emoluments of Head V. "POST OFFICE."

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY.

13th July, 1927.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 125.

Sir,

I have the honour to request your sanction, in accordance with the recommendation of the Executive Council at a meeting held on the 7th of July, 1927, to the sale under the provisions of section 4 of the Land Ordinance, 1903, to Mr. E. J. Aldridge, a carter of Stanley, of a plot of land, in area one-quarter of an acre more or less, situated on Stanley Common to the south of Town Lot No. 10 in Section 3, for the purpose of erecting thereon a stable.

2. Mr. Aldridge also proposes to grow a crop of oats on the plot in question and I consider that his desire to improve the conditions under which horses are kept in the Colony is deserving of encouragement.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

L. C. M. S. AMERY, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

13th July, 1927.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 126.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to Mr. Thomas's despatch, No. 48 of the 12th of May, 1924, and to request your sanction, in accordance with the recommendation of the Executive Council at a meeting held on the 7th of July, 1927, to the lease under the provisions of section 4 of the Land Ordinance, 1903, to Mr. J. McGill of Stanley on an annual basis with a yearly rental of 10s. 0d, of the plot of waste land in Stanley previously leased to Mr. Cyril Henriksen.

2. I would explain that Mr. Henriksen's lease has now terminated and that he wishes to transfer the stable built by him on the plot in question to Mr. McGill. I consider it desirable to encourage any measure which has for its object the better care of horses in the Colony.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

L. C. M. S. AMERY, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

317/27.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,
14th July, 1927.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.
No. 127.

Sir,

In duplicate.

I have the honour to transmit, for your information, a copy of an Instrument, which I have made in virtue of the Letters Patent passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom and bearing date the 19th day of September, 1914, appointing Mr. J. M. Ellis, Acting Colonial Secretary, to be Deputy for the Governor of the Colony of the Falkland Islands and its Dependencies whenever the Governor shall be absent temporarily from the seat of Government.

2. I would explain that I have considered it preferable to make this instrument in comprehensive form rather than to make a separate instrument on every occasion when I leave Stanley for the purpose of visiting the farms on the East Falkland, the West Falkland Island, or the Dependencies.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

L. C. M. S. AMERY, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

Instrument under the Public Seal of the Colony of the Falkland Islands appointing JOHN MEDLICOTT ELLIS, Esquire, to be the Deputy for the Governor of the said Colony.

[L.S.]

ARNOLD HODSON,
Governor.

His Excellency ARNOLD HODSON, *Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of the Falkland Islands and its Dependencies to* JOHN MEDLICOTT ELLIS, *Acting Colonial Secretary of the said Colony, Greeting.*

WHEREAS by certain Letters Patent passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom and bearing date the 19th day of September, 1914, it is provided that in the event of the Governor of the Colony of the Falkland Islands and its Dependencies having occasion at any time to be temporarily absent for a short period from the seat of Government, or to leave the Colony for the purpose of visiting any Dependency thereof, he may, by an instrument under the Public Seal of the Colony, appoint any person to be his deputy during such temporary absence, and in that capacity to exercise, perform, and execute for and on behalf of the Governor during such temporary absence, but no longer, all such powers and authorities by the said Letters Patent or otherwise vested in the Governor as shall in and by such Instrument be specified and limited, but no others;

AND WHEREAS I shall have occasion from time to time to be temporarily absent for a short period from the seat of Government for the purpose of visiting certain portions of the Colony or to leave the Colony for the purpose of visiting the Dependencies thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARNOLD HODSON, Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of the Falkland Islands and its Dependencies, do hereby appoint you JOHN MEDLICOTT ELLIS, Acting Colonial Secretary of the said Colony, to be my Deputy within the said Colony during my temporary absence from time to time from the seat of Government or from the Colony as aforesaid and in that capacity to exercise, perform and execute for me and on my behalf, during such temporary absence, all such powers and authorities by the above recited Letters Patent or otherwise vested in me, but subject always to the provisions of the said Letters Patent and to such Instructions as you shall receive from me from time to time for your guidance.

Given under my hand and the Public Seal of the Colony this 5th day of July, 1927.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. M. ELLIS,

Acting Colonial Secretary.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 128.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

15th July, 1927.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that on the evening of Tuesday, the 5th of July, 1927, I gave in the Town Hall, Stanley, my first official dance to which by previous notification I had caused to be invited all the inhabitants of this Colony.

2. The dance was attended by over four hundred people the majority of whom were residents of the town of Stanley but among whom were some from the outlying islands. The season of the year made it difficult for many to come in from the farm settlements on the East Falkland and the lack of convenient communication reacted similarly in the case of the West Falkland although both these sections of the community were not without their representatives. I would explain that I did not dance myself but spent the evening in interviewing the more prominent of my guests.

3. I am glad to say that perfect order prevailed throughout, that there was no sign of confusion or excess, and that the general deportment of the dancers was unexceptionable.

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L. C. M. S. AMERY, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

Although champagne, in the form of cup, was given at a Governor's Ball for the first time, I believe, in the history of the Colony there was no abuse of it and no untoward incident as the result. A dainty supper was prepared by Mr. J. F. Summers, a local caterer, and in addition I had set apart a special refreshment room for the entertainment of senior officials and leading inhabitants.

4. I was struck in particular by the remarkable efficiency of the two bands which played and which were without exaggeration as good as the bands in London, for example, at the Savoy and at the Embassy, and also by the knowledge of dancing shown by the whole community both young and old. In fact dancing seems to have become the national recreation of the Falkland Islands and to have attained a very high standard.

5. The dance began at 9.0 p.m. and ended at about 2.30 a.m. After an early dinner at Government House I started to receive the guests shortly after 8.30 p.m. in order to avoid any congestion and among them I had the pleasure of receiving my own household staff whose dresses and general appearance were noticeable in an exceedingly well turned out assembly and did me no small credit. During the evening Mr. J. M. Ellis, Acting Colonial Secretary, who I noticed with great satisfaction personally knew leading inhabitants brought up to me all the principal people among whom I might mention besides the members of the Executive and Legislative Councils and heads of Government departments and their wives

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the following: the Very Reverend the Dean of Stanley and Mrs Vaughan, Mr. A. Felton, J.P., of West Point Island, West Falkland, and Mrs Felton, Mrs Scott of New Island, Mr. and Mrs Alec. Bonner of Bleaker Island, Mr. F. J. Langdon, J.P., Manager of the Falkland Islands Company's sub-section at Fitzroy, East Falkland, and Mrs Langdon, Mr. and Mrs J. W. Grierson, and Mr. and Mrs J. W. McGill, of Stanley. I was thus enabled to establish personal touch with many people who in the ordinary course do not come to Government House. Towards the end of the evening I made a short speech of welcome of which I annex a copy more or less in the actual words. In reply thereto a few words of appreciative thanks were said a little later by Mr. V. A. H. Biggs of Stanley and I took my leave shortly afterwards at about 1.30 a.m. I am told that the end of the dance was signalled by the whole-hearted singing of the National Anthem and by spontaneous cheering.

Enclosure I.

Enclosure II.

6. I enclose copies of two flashlight photographs which were taken during the course of the dance.

7. In conclusion I would state my debt of gratitude to those who helped under the personal supervision and tactful guidance of Mr. Ellis to make the dance a success and in particular to Mr. R. B. Baseley, Colonial Engineer, Mr. J. M. Coutts, M.M., Dental Surgeon, and Mr. J. W. Grierson.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient,
humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

128 of the 15th of July, 1927.

SPEECH BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR AT
THE BALL GIVEN BY HIS EXCELLENCY IN THE TOWN
HALL ON THE 5th of July, 1927.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It gives me the greatest pleasure to welcome you all tonight. At this large gathering I have the opportunity of meeting personally many of you whom otherwise I should rarely see and I am happy to afford you an occasion for enjoying yourselves. I have heard much about your dancing at Port Stanley and what I have heard is by no means exaggerated. Your bands too have exceeded my high expectations. I have been in many places all over the world, in Paris, Rome and in London and I can honestly say that I have never anywhere heard better dance music. It makes me think of the lion and the lamb lying down together when I see the Stanley Syncopaters and the Jazz Band forgetting their keen rivalry and playing so harmoniously together for our delectation.

We have, I know, a very efficient wireless service in the Colony but I did not know how efficient it really was until this evening. For I have just had a message from the South Pole. It is from Santa Claus and he tells me that he wants very much to come to Stanley next Christmas Eve as he has not been here before. So I want to ask all of you who have little boys and girls to come on Christmas Eve and to bring your children with you to a real

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Christmas Tree Party to meet Santa Claus. He says also that this is so to speak his rush hour and that he will not be able to stay very long as he has all the other Colonies to visit that night. I hope then that as many of you as possible and your children will come on Christmas Eve to give him a hearty welcome.

And now I know that you are all anxious to go on dancing to the music of our excellent bands. I will only add that if I escape your bogs, about which I hear such dreadful reports, when I travel on horse-back across the camp next week, and the whales and icebergs in the Dependencies, and the ferocious penguins on your islands, I shall hope to have the pleasure of asking you all again to another dance.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

19th July, 1927.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 129.

Sir,

With reference to your Circular despatch of the 3rd of March, 1927, on the subject of claims under paragraph 4 of the Annex to Part X, Section IV, of the Treaty of Versailles, I have the honour to enclose a copy of a notice regarding the limit of time in which such claims by persons resident in this Colony must be lodged, issued under date the 30th of June, 1927, and published in the Government Gazette of the 15th of July, 1927.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

L. C. M. S. AMERY, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

In duplicate.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,
20th July, 1927.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

D. 130.

Sir,

With reference to your despatch, No. 141 of the 30th of December, 1926, relative to blow-fly pest in the Falkland Islands, I have the honour to transmit six copies of Bye-laws made by the Board of Health (East Falkland Island) on the 2nd of May, 1927, as a result of the suggestion made by Sir John Middleton that measures should be taken for ensuring the disposal of carcasses within the town and environs of Stanley.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

L. C. M. S. AMERY, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

20th July, 1927.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 131.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit herewith six copies of an Order made by me in Executive Council at a meeting held on the 7th of July, 1927, declaring the area enclosed as the gathering ground of the Stanley Water Works to be a reserve under Section 7 of the Land Ordinance, 1903.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

L. C. M. S. AMERY, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 132.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,
20th July, 1927.

Sir,

With reference to your Miscellaneous despatch of the 29th of April, 1927, and to previous correspondence relative to the proposals made by the Brazilian Government in regard to the interchange of meteorological information by wireless telegraphy, I have the honour to transmit, for your information, a copy of a despatch which I have addressed in this connection to the Ambassador at Rio de Janeiro. I have also sent a copy of the despatch to the Minister at Monte Video.

In duplicate.

2. You will see that a daily report as desired can be sent from South Georgia via Stanley to Monte Video if arrangements for its retransmission from Monte Video are made between the Brazilian and Uruguayan Governments.

3. I would add with reference to paragraph (d) of the letter addressed to the Colonial Office by the Air Ministry, No. 645867/25 (D.M.O) of the 18th of March, 1926, a copy of which formed an enclosure in your despatch, No. 35 of the 6th of April, 1926, that tests have recently been carried out between the Stanley Wireless Telegraphy Station and/

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and the R.R.S. "Discovery" and that it was found possible to communicate with the ship at Tristan de Cunha with a power of less than one kilowatt on a wave-length of 2,100 metres.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

2. I should be glad to learn in due course what action it is required should be taken by this Government in the matter.

3. I am sending a copy of this dispatch to the Secretary of State for the Colonies and to the Minister at Santa Vidua.

I have, etc.,

Yours faithfully,
ARNOLD HODSON.

SIR ARTHUR FRANCIS ALSTON, K.C.M.G., C.B.,

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ENCLOSURE TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH. No.
132 of the 20th of July. 1927.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.
No. 380/26.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,
20th July, 1927.

Sir,

With reference to your note of the 1st of December, 1926, and to previous correspondence relative to the proposals made by the Brazilian Government in regard to the interchange of meteorological information by wireless telegraphy I have the honour to request that steps may be taken in this connection to inform the Brazilian Government that a daily meteorological report can be sent from Cumberland Bay, South Georgia, to Cerrito, Monte Video, via Stanley, Falkland Islands, if the necessary arrangements are made between the Brazilian and the Uruguayan Governments for the broadcasting of the report from Cerrito, Monte Video.

2. I should be glad to learn in due course what action it is desired should be taken by this Government in the matter.

3. I am sending a copy of this despatch to the Secretary of State for the Colonies and to the Minister at Monte Video.

I have, etc.,

(SGD.) ARNOLD HODSON.

SIR BEILBY FRANCIS ALSTON, K.C.M.G., C.B.,
ETC., ETC., ETC.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,
20th July, 1927.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 133.

Sir,

26th January.
15th February.
18th March.
12th April. 5th
May, 1927.

I have the honour to transmit herewith
copies of minutes of meetings of the Executive
Council of this Colony held on the dates noted
in the margin.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

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L. C. M. S. AMERY, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

20th July, 1927.

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No. 134.

Sir,

In duplicate.

I have the honour to transmit to you copies of correspondence which has been exchanged with Lord Eustace Percy, President of the Board of Education, on the subject of the conditions on which teachers are loaned by the home authorities for service in this Colony.

2. You will see that the present arrangement by which this Government undertake to pay a pension in certain circumstances to the teacher concerned in respect of his years of service in the Falkland Islands is not considered to be wholly satisfactory and that the fact that on return to the home service the teacher is penalised by loss of seniority and of increment to salary acts as a strong deterrent to suitable masters and mistresses desirous of accepting local appointments.

3. I have explored the question in detail with the Acting Colonial Secretary who is also Inspector of Schools, and with the Government Schoolmaster, and I am of opinion that the proposal which I have put forward for Lord Eustace Percy's consideration is the best possible in the circumstances, namely, that this Government should pay

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

the full 10% contribution under section 11 of the Superannuation Act of 1925 during a teacher's loaned service not exceeding three years, on the understanding that in return the Board of Education will take steps to ensure that the teacher is in no way penalised on return to the home service in respect of his service in this Colony.

4. I trust that you will approve my proposal generally and I would suggest that you may find it convenient to discuss it in detail direct with the Board of Education. The annual expenditure involved on the present basis is £101, and is not likely at any time to exceed £200.

5. In this connection I would add that Mr. A. R. Hoare, the Government Schoolmaster, who has twelve years' service here, is anxious for a transfer and that his application to this end will form the subject of a separate despatch.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient,
humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
LORD EUSTACE PERCY, M.P.,
PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,
LONDON.

ENCLOSURE TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH, No. 134
of the 20th of July, 1927.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,

20th July, 1927.

Dear Lord Eustace,

With reference to our previous conversations and to your letter of the 27th of April, 1927, on the subject of the conditions on which teachers are lent by the Board of Education for service in any part of the Empire outside the United Kingdom, I am now in a position to give you the results of my enquiries into this matter since my arrival in the Falkland Islands last month.

2. I find that the present practice where teachers are loaned by a home Authority for temporary service here is to insert the following condition in their agreements, viz :

"Should you return to the teaching service in this country at the end of your three years engagement and ultimately retire in circumstances entitling you to a pension, the Colonial Government would be prepared to grant pension in respect of the period of your service in the Falkland Islands."

3. I do not think that this arrangement is entirely to the satisfaction of either the teachers or this administration but at the same time it scarcely seems feasible to institute a super-annuation scheme locally as suggested in your letter

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PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,
LONDON.

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more particularly as the number of teachers affected does not at present exceed three and is not likely at any time far to exceed this number.

4. I have however to make the following suggestion. If this Government is prepared, as it would be, to pay the whole of the 10% contribution on the teacher's salary under section 11 of the Superannuation Act of 1935 during the period of loaned service in this Colony not exceeding three years will the Board of Education in return take steps to ensure that the teacher so lent will in no way be penalised in respect of his service here, i.e. in the way of seniority and increments of salary? I understand that it is this very consideration, loss of seniority and of increments on return to the service in the United Kingdom, which makes it so difficult for us to get suitable masters and mistresses to come out to the Falkland Islands. It seems to me, if I may be excused for saying so, that this would be a very good opportunity for the home authorities to put in practice what they preach, i.e., to think and act Imperially.

5. I am inclined to think that such an arrangement would be excellent for the teachers themselves as they would thus be afforded the opportunity without penalisation of obtaining an insight into the life of the Colonies and of seeing something of the world. Otherwise it must be the case in many instances that they are apt to become parochial and insular. For us it would be excellent as we should get fresh personalities and fresh ideas every three years. Incidentally I need hardly tell you how bad it is for officials to remain too

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long in small Colonies like the Falkland Islands - for one thing unless they are exceptionally strong characters they become groovy, and out-of-date in their ideas.

6. I do hope that you will find it possible to meet me in this matter in the manner which I have suggested. If you can do anything I should be most grateful if you will be good enough to inform me by telegram as it is quite probable that our present head teacher will be leaving us before long and we are still short of one assistant master.

7. I am sending a copy of this letter to the Secretary of State for the Colonies so that direct reference in the matter to the Colonial Office may be facilitated.

Yours sincerely,

(SIGNED.) ARNOLD HODSON.

count as reasonable service, but service not exceeding four years in any part of His Majesty's Dominions outside the United Kingdom shall be counted as possible service if a teacher during that period contributes the whole 10 per cent. of his salary. Further, the Board of Education may, with the approval of the Treasury, make reciprocal arrangements with the Authorities of any part of His Majesty's Dominions for mutual recognition of service under their respective superannuation schemes. That I personally should like to see could be that the Government of every Dominion and Colony should, at least, arrange to pay to the Superannuation Fund here the amount of the employees' contribution in respect of any United Kingdom teacher temporarily employed in their schools, and should, if possible, go further and institute a

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of the 20th of July, 1927.

COPY.

BOARD OF EDUCATION,
WHITEHALL,
LONDON, S.W. 1.
27th April, 1927.

Dear Hodson,

I promised to send you a copy of our Teachers (Superannuation) Act of 1925. The Sections relevant to the point, of which we were talking the night before last, are Sections 11 and 21 (1) (c). Briefly, the position is this. In order to qualify for superannuation, teachers have to serve a certain number of years. During those years they have to contribute 5 per cent. of their salaries annually and their employers another 5 per cent. Generally speaking, service outside this Country does not count as pensionable service, but service not exceeding four years in any part of His Majesty's Dominions outside the United Kingdom may be recognised as pensionable service if a teacher during that period contributes the whole 10 per cent. of his salary. Further, the Board of Education may, with the approval of the Treasury, make reciprocal arrangements with the Authorities of any part of His Majesty's Dominions for mutual recognition of service under their respective superannuation schemes. What I personally should like to see would be that the Government of every Dominion and Colony should, at least, arrange to pay to the Superannuation Fund here the amount of the employers' contribution in respect of any United Kingdom teacher temporarily employed in their schools, and should, if possible, go further and institute a
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scheme of superannuation of their own with which the Board here could make reciprocal arrangements under Section 21 (1) (c).

I have no knowledge at all of conditions in the Falkland Islands but it is a point which I think you might bear in mind. I hope that the forthcoming Colonial Conference will arrive at some sort of Resolutions on the subject.

Yours sincerely,

(SGD.) EUSTACE PERCY.

ARNOLD HODSON, ESQ., C.M.G.,
TRAVELLERS' CLUB,
106, Pall Mall,
S. W. 1.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

29th July, 1927.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 135.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit, in duplicate, the Annual General Report on the Colony of the Falkland Islands and its Dependencies for the year 1926.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

L. C. M. S. AMERY, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

2nd August, 1927.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 136.

Sir,

In duplicate.

I have the honour to forward herewith a
Schedule of all charges of an unusual or special
description, or not covered by the Appropriation
law for the year 1927, incurred during the
quarter ended the 31st of March, 1927.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

L. G. M. S. AMERY, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,
2nd August, 1927.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.
No. 137.

Sir,

I have the honour to request that the necessary steps may be taken for the supply, if possible, of full length portraits of Their Majesties the King and Queen as issued to Government Houses in other Colonies for hanging in the State Drawing Room at Government House, Stanley.

2. I would add that this Government will be glad to defray any expenses, if they are not too excessive, which may be incurred in this connection.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

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L. C. M. S. AMERY, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 138.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

2nd August, 1927.

Sir,

In accordance with Colonial Regulation

No. 397, I have the honour to transmit herewith

Returns Nos. 1
& 2 in duplicate returns of appointments to and changes in public
Offices for the quarter ended the 30th of June,
1927.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

L. C. M. S. MERY, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

2nd August, 1927.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 139.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the question has arisen of the installation on ships of the whaling fleet operating in the Dependencies of this Colony of long distance wireless telegraphy apparatus capable of maintaining direct communication with Norway from South Georgia and the South Shetlands and South Orkneys.

2. I would explain that during the past season the Norwegian pelagic floating factory s.s. "Neilsen Alonso" conducted successful experiments with short wave apparatus of this nature and that as a result the Managers of many of the floating factories licensed to operate in the Dependencies have expressed the intention of having similar apparatus installed. In such case it will be necessary for this Government to decide upon some course of policy in this connection more particularly in view of the probable submission of applications for a license for such apparatus from floating factories registered locally and flying the British flag.

3. I would ask therefore that the matter may be brought, if you so think fit, to the notice of the Postmaster General and that his view thereon
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L. C. M. S. AMERY, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

may be sought. Information is desired more especially in regard to the following points

(i) whether it is the intention of the Postmaster General to permit the use by radio-telegraphic stations in ships registered in the United Kingdom of wavelengths of the order of 32 metres,

and (ii) whether facilities are being provided for communicating between the United Kingdom and ship stations on this wavelength.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,FALKLAND ISLANDS.

2nd August, 1927.

No. 140.

Sir,

With reference to Lieutenant-Colonel Beattie's despatch, No. 43 of the 4th of March, 1927, asking for the selection of a suitable person to fill the vacant office of Record Clerk in the Colonial Secretary's Office, I have the honour to inform you that since the termination on the 15th of April, 1927, of the temporary arrangement referred to therein for the performance of the duties of the Record Clerk, the establishment of the Colonial Secretary's Office has been short-staffed in this respect and has had nevertheless to deal with a considerable pressure of work which was the more increased during the time that Mr. J. M. Ellis, Acting Colonial Secretary, was acting as Governor from the 21st of April up to the date of my arrival in the Colony on the 9th of June, 1927.

2. The bulk of the additional work devolving in this manner on the remaining members of the office staff has fallen upon Mr. C. R. L. Brown, Chief Clerk, and Mr. A. I. Fleuret, Second Clerk. These two officers have loyally, cheerfully, and uncomplainingly, given of their best to obviate

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

ARNOLD BODEN.

the accumulation of arrears and I am of opinion that they deserve some material recognition.

3. I would ask your sanction therefore in accordance with the provisions of Colonial Regulation 247 to pay to Mr. Brown and to Mr. Fleuret an allowance additional to their salaries at the rates of £10 and 25 per mensem, respectively, from the 16th of April, 1927, until such time as the Record Clerk assumes duty or other arrangement is made. Savings to meet these payments are available under Head III, item 1. "Personal Emoluments" and in no case is it proposed that any excess on that subhead should be thereby occasioned.

4. I should explain with reference to Mr. Ellis's despatch, No. 83 of the 29th of April, 1927, that Mr. Brown would only draw the proposed allowance during the time that he is not in receipt of the allowance at the rate of £10 per mensem as Officer-in-Charge of the Secretariat which is recommended to be granted to him.

5. At the same time I would ask your authority to pay to Mr. F. O'Sullivan, Messenger, an allowance at the rate of £1 per mensem on the same terms and conditions as those proposed in the case of the allowance to Mr. Brown and Mr. Fleuret in respect of the additional duties, which fall normally to the Record Clerk, performed by him as clerk in charge of the stationery store during this period.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient,
humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

2nd August, 1927.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 141.

Sir,

With reference to paragraph 2 of your despatch, No. 109 of the 27th of July, 1925, relative to the promotion of Miss E. M. S. Warner to be Nurse Matron of the King Edward Memorial Hospital, Stanley, I have the honour to inform you that Miss Warner's period of engagement for three years' service in the Colony will expire on the 31st of December, 1927, and that I propose with your approval to extend her engagement for a further period of three years and to grant her leave to proceed to the United Kingdom early in 1928.

2. The Colonial Surgeon reports that Miss Warner's services as Nurse Matron have been in every way satisfactory and that she has expressed her willingness to remain in the Colony if granted leave with free return passages to and from England.

3. I consider that it is most desirable to retain the services of a Nurse Matron such as Miss Warner with knowledge of local conditions, who is willing to stay, and I would point out that in any case Miss Warner is eligible in accordance with the terms of her engagement for a free first class passage /

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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passage to England on its termination and that her successor similarly will have to be afforded a free outward passage to the Colony.

4. I trust therefore that you will have no objection to the re-engagement of Miss Warner on the terms stated. The leave to be granted her would be the usual period of four and a half months' vacation leave to be followed, if desired, by leave with half salary up to two months, and the period of re-engagement would date from her return to the Colony towards the end of 1928.

5. In the event of your approval of the proposal put forward I would recommend that the Nurse, Miss E. M. Shaw, be appointed to act as Nurse Matron during Miss Warner's absence and that in the special circumstance - except for locally trained assistants she will be single-handed at the Hospital - she may be permitted while so acting to draw the full salary of the office at £150 a year instead of the salary of her substantive office at £100 a year.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,

2nd August, 1927.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 142.

Sir,

In duplicate.In duplicate.

I have the honour to transmit the accompanying application for promotion in the Colonial Service from Mr. A. R. Hoare, Government Schoolmaster, together with a copy of a letter dated the 29th of June, 1927, and addressed to the Colonial Secretary by Mr. Hoare in this connection.

2. Mr. Hoare is in his forty-third year and has held his present appointment since 1915 when he left the home teaching service. I have not had great opportunity for observing Mr. Hoare's work but from what I have heard I believe him to be capable and conscientious and I desire to support strongly his application for transfer from this Colony, on promotion or otherwise.

3. I cannot emphasise too much the importance of not allowing officials to remain over long in this small and isolated Colony where conditions of living are hard and horizons most limited. Short as my own experience here has been I am bound to endorse the views put forward by Mr. Hoare, who is a married man with one daughter aged thirteen years, and to express my entire sympathy with the frankness and courage with which he has faced his position and has represented it.

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THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

L. C. M. S. AMERY, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

4. I would ask therefore that a special effort may be made, now or never, to give effect to Mr. Hoare's wish for advancement or at the least for change of environment. I realise, however, from a perusal of your despatch, No. 95 of the 24th of August, 1922, dealing with Mr. Hoare's previous application for promotion, that it may be difficult to find a suitable vacancy for him in the somewhat restricted range of the educational branch of the Colonial Service in spite of the fact that Sir John Middleton appears to have thought highly of him and to have recommended him to you for promotion.

5. In such case I would request most earnestly of you that the President of the Board of Education may be specially approached in the case with the view to the return of Mr. Hoare to the home service on terms which do not cause him to be penalised too heavily for the good work done by him in the cause of Empire at one of its farthest outposts. I cannot refrain from the suggestion which I trust you will not think improper that the present might well serve as an opportune occasion on which to put in practice the precept to think Imperially which is so widely professed and preached. This Government for its part will be prepared in every way proper to fall into line with any proposal which the Board may make in this connection and to meet Mr. Hoare in the matter of his pensionable service in the Colony.

6. In conclusion I would once again urge that in fairness both to the administration and to the individuals/

individuals concerned it is most desirable that officials should not be left all their service to contend with no advancement and with little hope against the many and varied difficulties which form the common lot of all who live and labour in the Falkland Islands, where the gales never cease from blowing, and the climatic conditions are almost intolerable to those who have been born and bred in more temperate zones.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

2nd August, 1927.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 143.

Sir,

In duplicate.

I have the honour to refer to my telegrams of the 29th of June and the 21st of July, 1927, and to inform you that in accordance with programme I visited the principal farms on the northern half of the East Falkland Island, five in number, between the 12th and the 20th of July, 1927. I attach, for your information, a copy of the itinerary prepared for this tour and would explain that I followed it throughout except that the estimated rate of travelling was on some sections accelerated and that I curtailed my stay at Douglas Station and Teal Inlet to one night in either case by reason of pressing business which I wished to transact on my return to Stanley two days earlier than originally arranged.

2. In the first place I would say that I was agreeably surprised with what I saw and heard during the course of my tour. I found the travelling over the wet camp in mid-winter unpleasant owing to the intense cold and blizzards but not unduly difficult as far as the terrain was concerned although it is true that I was everywhere provided with excellent horses and treated with the utmost kindness and consideration. I

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would state that I was accompanied by my Aide-de-Camp, Captain W. T. Bentinck, and by no one else.

3. I was impressed generally by the prosperous condition of the local sheep-farming industry and by the contented outlook of the farming community, and I cannot help feeling that the position in this regard either has been very imperfectly appreciated or has been greatly exaggerated. The lack of adequate mail facilities forms the sole source of complaint and, as you are aware, I have given my full consideration to this problem. Despite the season of the year the flocks which I saw appeared to be in good condition and I did not find any farms which were suffering from shortage of pasture. The fact is that the farmers themselves have realised the measures necessary to their own prosperity and have taken and are taking them. Briefly these are three, reduction of numbers of sheep carried so as to obviate overstocking and to permit of periodical spelling, importation of breeding stock to improve the strain, and the discontinuation of the practice of burning good grass lands.

4. There are other problems, however, of a more serious though, perhaps, less obvious nature which will have to be faced before long. I refer to education and in-breeding which from contrary causes, deficiency and intensity, respectively, have a marked effect on the intelligence and mentality of the great bulk of the population. It is difficult to see what practical steps can be taken to remedy the latter evil but I will give the whole matter of education in the Colony my earnest attention and will report further in due course.

5. I must again emphasise the warmth of the reception which awaited me throughout my tour and say what pleasure and instruction I derived from first-hand contact with the farmers and their shepherds. Predominant in the character of the latter is their love of these Islands and their loyalty to His Majesty, coupled with a strong sense of independence and a naturally limited outlook. Their kindness and hospitality is extreme.

6. I propose to visit the farms on the West Falkland during the month of September next and will not fail also to report my impressions of the other Island.

I have the honour to be,
 Sir,
 Your most obedient,
 humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

Date.	Depart.
Tuesday, July 12th.	Monday, 10 a.m.
Wednesday, July 14th.	Tuesday, 9 a.m.
Thursday, July 16th.	Wednesday, 9.30 a.m.
Friday, July 18th.	Thursday, 10 a.m.
Saturday, July 20th.	Friday, 10.30 a.m.
Sunday, July 22nd.	Saturday, 11 a.m.

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FALKLAND, JULY, 1927.

Date.	Depart.	Arrive.	REMARKS.
Tuesday, July 12th.	Stanley, 10 a.m.	Fitzroy, 3 p.m.	5 hours ride. Sub-station of Falkland Islands Company. Manager, Mr J. Langdon
Thursday, July 14th.	Fitzroy, 9 a.m.	Darwin, 3 p.m.	6 hours ride. Head station of Falkland Islands Company. Manager, Mr. T. G. Slaughter.
Saturday, July 16th.	Darwin, 9.30 a.m.	San Carlos South, 1.0 p.m.	3½ hours ride. Station of Hon. G. Bonner, M.E.C., in absence of Hon. G. Bonner in United Kingdom on leave the son Mr. J. Bonner is in charge.
Monday, July 18th.	San Carlos South, 9.0 a.m.	Douglas Station, 1.0 p.m.	4 hours ride. Station of Estate Green-shields. Manager, Mr. R. Greenshields.
Wednesday, July 20th.	Douglas Station, 10.30 a.m.	Teal Inlet, 12 noon.	1½ hours ride. Station of Estate Felton. Manager, Hon. G. J. Felton on leave in United Kingdom. Mrs Roy Felton, O.B.E., is staying there and Mr. W. Newing is the foreman in charge.
Friday, July 22nd.	Teal Inlet, 9 a.m.	Stanley, 3 p.m.	-

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

2nd August, 1927.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 144.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that I have been exercised since my arrival at the general condition of the teeth of the inhabitants, both young and adult, of this Colony and that I consider that such measures as appear practicable should be taken by the administration to remedy the lamentable state of affairs which undoubtedly exists in this regard.

2. I understand that the absence of lime in the soil and water of the Falkland Islands naturally predisposes the people to teeth troubles and furthermore that it is the exception for parents in any way to give attention to them. Resulting from this origin is the prevalence of appendicitis and other gastric disorders among the population.

3. I have given my close attention to the problem presented and I am of opinion that it is in the first place best faced among the school-children. You will recollect that one of the conditions of the Dental Surgeon's appointment is that he shall conduct clinic at the Government School, Stanley, as required, and shall attend all children under fourteen years of age at the

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request of and on payment by the parents of a fee of 15/- per head per annum. The Dental Surgeon, Mr. J. M. Coutts, M.M., has in fact visited the Government School on many occasions and has advised as to necessary treatment, but although he has treated a number of children and has given away out of his own pocket tooth brushes and paste to many others he has received hitherto in fees from the parents the total sum of £3. 15s. Od, only during the past eighteen months.

4. As I have stated above the parents as a general rule give no heed to this matter and in view of the charge required of them it is difficult to see how pressure can with advantage be brought to bear to ensure that they do send their children to the Dental Surgeon for treatment.

5. I have to propose therefore that in future all school-children, i.e., children of the age of sixteen years and under, in the Colony should be given free dental treatment and that children attending school in Stanley should be supplied from public funds with tooth brushes and paste and made to go through regular "teeth drill" every morning. The estimated annual cost to put this proposal into effect is set by Mr. Coutts at £20 which sum can easily be met from current revenue and will in the long run prove an economy on the medical side of the administration.

6. The proposal will, however, involve considerable additional work for the Dental Surgeon and will constitute a change in the conditions of his appointment. I consider that it is equitable that /

that he should be remunerated for this addition to his duties and that his salary should be raised on this account from £500 to £600 a year with quarters or an allowance in lieu as heretofore. I have consulted the Colonial Surgeon and Mr. Coutts in the matter and they both express themselves as strongly in favour of and in agreement with the suggested arrangements.

7. I have therefore to ask your approval thereto and to say that in anticipation thereof the necessary provision will be made under Head X. "Medical" of the Estimates of the Expenditure for 1926 unless in the meantime instructions to the contrary effect are received from you.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,
2nd August, 1927.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 145.

Sir,

I have the honour to confirm my telegram of the 24th of July, 1927, relative to the proposal to close down the Stock Department provision for which service is included under Head XV of the Estimates of the Expenditure for 1927 in the sum of £1,382.

2. I would explain that I have considered the matter of the utility or otherwise of the Stock Department in all its aspects and that I had particular occasion to discuss it with leading farmers during my recent tour on the East Falkland Island. There is a consensus of opinion that it is redundant and that the Chief Inspector of Stock, who incidentally is not a qualified Veterinary Surgeon, does nothing to justify the high salary, £600 by £30 to £720 per annum with free furnished quarters and peat, paid to him. The present holder of the office has very little work to do and during the winter does not visit the farms and in fact rarely leaves Stanley.

3. The owners or managers of sheep stations in the Colony are all men of many years' varied experience both locally and in Patagonia and have nothing to learn from the type of man who would in the ordinary course be engaged by this Govern-

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ment as the head of the Stock Department. As I have stated in another despatch they are themselves taking the measures necessary for the continued prosperity of the sheep-farming industry in the Falkland Islands, and are conducting agricultural operations on such scale as is justified by the conditions so as to be in no way in need of advice even if it were possible for advice profitably to be tendered to practical men by an official making but a temporary sojourn in a country of which they have made the study of lifetime.

4. Furthermore the importation of pedigree cattle and poultry for the purpose of improving the breeding strain has not proved a success. Cattle are regarded as of very minor importance in the Colony and no interest has been shown in the prize birds or their eggs, which have proved unfortunately in many cases to be unfertile. Orders for the disposal of the poultry had been given prior to my arrival in the Colony. I have now found it necessary to give directions to slaughter the cattle as the herd is generally infected with tuberculosis. I do not propose to indulge in further experiments of this expensive and unprofitable nature and I shall be able therefore to dispense with the services of the Stock Attendant, the only other permanent official of the Stock Department, with salary at the rate of £120 per annum. The items for Horse Allowance, to the Chief Inspector of Stock, for Feeding of Government Stock, and for Incidental Expenses, £60, £100 and £20, respectively, in the current estimates automatically /

matically disappear and although it will probably be desirable to continue to incur some expenditure on the remaining services provided for under "Other Charges" of Head XV., the annual saving to be effected by the closing down of the Department will amount in 1928 to £1,012 at the least allowing for the increment of salary of £30 due to Mr. R. W. Carter, the actual Chief Inspector of Stock, who as you are aware from the correspondence terminating with Mr. Thomas's despatch, No. 84 of the 27th of June, 1924, is on loan to this Government from the Department of Agriculture in New Zealand.

5. It has been suggested that in the place of the Chief Inspector of Stock a qualified Veterinary Surgeon should be obtained. I am not in favour of the adoption of this suggestion. In the first place sheep are the only stock that are of account in the Colony and the farmers themselves are fully competent to deal with their ailments, in the second place such ailments are rare as this country enjoys a remarkable immunity from serious animal disease, and in the third place there is not sufficient work for a Veterinary Surgeon to keep him occupied and I am opposed to paying the salary of an official who would not earn it and who would have too much time on his hands and be liable to become a source of anxiety to the administration.

6. In one direction only are the services of a stockman essentially required, namely, in the enforcement of the restrictions relative to the importation of stock into the Colony. I consider that for the present at any rate this duty could
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without difficulty be performed by the Manager or the Farm Hand of the Experimental Farm. Ample warning is always given of the arrival of any consignment of stock and in any case the Experimental Farm is distant but some four hours' ride from Stanley which is the sole channel of importation. These officers, or in their default the Gardener at Government House, can advise similarly in regard to the planting of grasses - of the tussock and sand varieties - which for that matter is at the moment in practice carried out by the Forestry labourer whose wages are paid from Head XIII. "Scientific Department B. Other Charges" under the vague supervision of the Chief Inspector of Stock. In the event, however, of your approval of my proposal also to close down the Experimental Farm I would suggest that it might be advisable to retain the services of the Farm Hand, Mr. W. Faithful, for a few years at a salary of, say, \$400 a year with free quarters. Mr. Faithful is a trained agriculturalist and could be usefully employed on the systematic planting of grasses as well as on the examination of stock imported into the Colony or suspected of disease. Alternatively if he did not desire to remain on in the Colony on these terms I do not anticipate any difficulty in obtaining the services of an experienced local man to examine shipments of stock against payment for specific work done, thus effecting the saving of the salary of a permanent official.

7. I am convinced that the closing down of the Stock Department will thus make for the
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efficiency of the administration and for the economy in the expenditure which is so necessary to allow for development in other directions and I trust that the proposal which I have put forward will have received your sanction, and that it will have been found practicable to arrange, as requested, for the early return of Mr. Carter to his substantive duties under the Government of New Zealand.

8. I would add that I have consulted the members of the Executive and Legislative Councils in this connection and that they are unanimous in urging the immediate adoption of the course proposed.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,
19th August, 1927.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.
No. 146.

Sir,

In accordance with the instructions contained in your Circular despatch of the 25th of January, 1927, I have the honour to forward, for the information of the Committee of the Federation of Chambers of Commerce of the British Empire, the enclosed replies, so far as is possible, to the questions contained in the memorandum annexed to your despatch under reference relative to the subject of arbitration within the Empire.

In duplicate.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

L. C. M. S. AMERY, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

ENCLOSURE TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH. No. 146
of the 19th of August, 1927.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Replies to Questions contained in Memorandum
enclosed in Secretary of State's Circular dated 25th
January, 1927.

(1) The action of the Court in such case would
be guided by the provisions of the Arbitration Act,
1889: (52 and 53 Victoria. Cap. 49).

(2) (b) No.

(3) Yes, under the provisions of the Arbitrat-
ion Act, 1889.

(4) (b) Colonies of Fiji, Gambia, Kenya, Grenada
and the State of New South Wales.

(c) No.

(5) There are no facilities for arbitration, in
the way of Arbitration Committees, Panels of Arbitrat-
ors, and so forth existent in this Colony.

Submission to Arbitration would be guided by the
provisions of the Arbitration Act, 1889.

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STANLEY,
19th August, 1927.

FAULKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 147.

Sir,

With reference to your despatch, No. 37 of the 4th of May, 1927, regarding the allocation between the General Account of the Dependencies and the Research and Development Fund of the cost of certain buildings erected in South Georgia, I have the honour to inform you that in paragraph 5 of the copy of the minute from the Treasurer dated the 27th of January, 1927, which formed an enclosure in Lieutenant-Colonel Beattie's despatch on this subject, No. 33 of the 9th of February, 1927, the sum of £5,000 instead of £5,050 was through an oversight stated to have been paid from the Research and Development Fund in 1924 towards the cost of the Marine Station.

2. I would add that this overcharge of £50 has now been adjusted, and that the amount actually chargeable against the Research and Development Fund on account of the Marine Station is £3,124 18s. 11d, as pointed out in paragraph 2 of your despatch under reply.

3. I have to express regret at the trouble which has been occasioned in this matter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

L. C. M. S. AMERY, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

ARNOLD HODSON.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

19th August, 1927.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 148.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the item included under Appendix I (Works to be carried out from expenditure met from Surplus Balances) of the Estimates of the Expenditure for 1927 "1. Drill Hall for Falkland Islands Defence Force - £1100" and to inform you that it is now estimated that a total expenditure of £1,350 will be required to complete this work.

2. I should explain that the revised estimate of the cost of the work was set at £1,250 in the Estimates for 1927 but that this figure was calculated during the absence on leave in the United Kingdom of Mr. R. B. Baseley, Colonial Engineer, and has been found on examination by Mr. G. Roberts, Executive Engineer in charge of the Stanley Improvement Works, to whom the execution of the work has been entrusted, to be inadequate.

3. I am satisfied that the estimate as revised by Mr. Roberts is sound and as economical as possible and I have authorised him to proceed with the work on the basis of it.

4. I should further explain that the total actual expenditure on this account up to the 31st of December, 1927, amounted to £15 17s. 6d, only
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and not to £150 as estimated at the time of the preparation of the Estimates for the current year. I have given my sanction therefore to the expenditure during 1927 of the sum of £1,334 2s. 6d, on this work and to the issue of a Special Warrant in the sum of £234. 2s. 6d, chargeable also against the accumulated Surplus Balances of the Colony, to meet the excess that will thus be occasioned under item 1 of Appendix I.

5. I would ask your covering authority to my action in the matter and would say that the additional expenditure is in my opinion fully justified and unavoidable, and can without difficulty be provided from the source indicated.

6. I have to add that the Drill Hall with its indoor Miniature Rifle Range is rapidly nearing completion and will be a boon much appreciated by the members of the Defence Force to which, incidentally, there has been during the past few weeks a considerable access of recruits.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

19th August, 1927.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 149

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit herewith twenty-one copies of the Annual Medical and Sanitary Report of the Colony and its Dependencies for the year 1926.

2. The general health of the Colony was good throughout the year and complete immunity was enjoyed from contagious or infectious diseases. A severe epidemic of influenzal cold of the bronchial catarrh type, however, attacked practically the entire population of Stanley during the month of November. Several deaths occurred and the medical staff being short of the services of an Assistant Colonial Surgeon found it difficult to cope with the widespread ravages of the outbreak. The Assistant Colonial Surgeon newly appointed is expected to arrive in the Colony towards the end of October, next, and will be available to assist in combating any recurrence of the attack during the coming spring. Furthermore prophylactic measures in the way of inoculation by anti-catarrhal vaccine have been carried out on an extensive scale by the Colonial Surgeon among the inhabitants of Stanley. It is hoped that this treatment will prove efficacious locally/

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locally as it is stated to have proved at home but I should be grateful of the views of the Colonial Advisory Medical and Sanitary Committee generally in the matter of its employment.

3. Considerable progress was again made with the Stanley Improvement Scheme. As anticipated in Lieutenant-Colonel Beattie's despatch, No. 87 of the 22nd of July, 1926, the works in connection with the water supply to the town of Stanley and with the main system of sealed drains were completed during the year. The water is of excellent quality and the analyst's report shows it to be entirely free from any organic pollution. The improvements in the sanitary system effected by the construction of sealed drains are also working as satisfactorily as is possible in the somewhat primitive living conditions which obtain in the Colony while the nuisance caused by the effluvia from old drains and closet pits which were opened up during the progress of the works has on their completion wholly disappeared.

4. In this connection I would remark with regard to the observations made in section III of the Colonial Surgeon's report that experimental tar-spraying of the roads in Stanley will shortly be put in hand on receipt of the necessary material and with the advent of suitable weather conditions. The institution of a public scavenging system cannot in my opinion be much longer delayed and will receive full consideration at the first favourable opportunity.

5. I would add that the need of a properly equipped/

equipped gymnasium with a qualified gymnast as instructor is real and will likewise receive consideration at an early date. In the meantime the Stanley Boy Scouts have been re-started under energetic direction and young men are being encouraged with excellent result to enlist in the Falkland Islands Defence Force.

6. I would also add that the condition of the teeth of the inhabitants and in particular of the children of this Colony has already received my earnest attention. I would invite your reference on this subject to the recommendation put forward in my despatch, No. 144 of the 2nd of August, 1927.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient,
humble servant,
ARNOLD HODSON.

3. I have therefore to ask your special sanction to the sale of this land to Mr. Challen under the provisions of section 4 of the Land Ordinance, 1903.

4. I would add that the plot of land in question is in area 10 of an area and is a part of Town Lot 14a, section 1, and that the price

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

19th August, 1927.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 150.

Sir,

In duplicate.

I have the honour to transmit to you a copy of an agreement, dated the 27th of September, 1924, and made between the then Colonial Secretary on behalf of the Government of the Colony and Mr. Gordon Leslie Challen, Foreman to the Stanley Improvement Scheme, relative to the sale to the latter of a plot of land in the town of Stanley for the purpose of erecting thereon a dwelling house.

2. I would state that Mr. Challen has carried out all the undertakings given by him in the agreement and that he will complete three years' service under this Government on the 31st of August, 1927. The Executive Engineer in charge of the Stanley Improvement Scheme reports that Mr. Challen's service has been entirely satisfactory.

3. I have therefore to ask your special sanction to the sale of this land to Mr. Challen under the provisions of section 4 of the Land Ordinance, 1903.

4. I would add that the plot of land in question is in area .18 of an acre and forms part of Town Lot 14a, section C, and that the price payable/

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payable will be £18 in accordance with the provisions of section 15 of the Land Ordinance, 1903, and of section 6 of the agreement.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

WHEREAS the Government is the owner of a plot of land in the Town of Stanley, containing thirty perches more or less and situated to the south of Cable Cottage, and WHEREAS the said Gordon Challen is desirous of erecting a dwelling house on the said land,

BE IT THEREFORE ORDERED that the Government hereby grants permission to the said GORDON CHALLENGE to erect a dwelling house on the said land on the following terms and conditions :-

(1) The land shall be and remain the property of the Government.

(2) The dwelling house to be erected on the land by the said Gordon Challen shall be erected in accordance with the requirements of the Board of Health and shall be as shown in the sketch plans already submitted by the said Gordon Challen to the Government.

(3) The said Gordon Challen shall not erect

ENCLOSURE TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH. No. 150
of the 19th of August, 1927.

AGREEMENT.

AGREEMENT made this 27th day of September, 1924, Between the Government of the Falkland Islands (hereinafter described as the Government) being the party of the first part and Gordon Leslie Challen (hereinafter described as Gordon Challen) being the party of the second part :

WHEREAS the Government is the owner of a plot of land in the Town of Stanley, containing thirty perches more or less and situated to the south of Cable Cottage, and WHEREAS the said Gordon Challen is desirous of erecting a dwelling house on the said land,

BE IT THEREFORE AGREED that the Government hereby grants permission to the said GORDON CHALLEN to erect a dwelling house on the said land on the following terms and conditions :-

(1) The land shall be and remain the property of the Government.

(2) The dwelling house to be erected on the land by the said Gordon Challen shall be erected in accordance with the requirements of the Board of Health and shall be as shewn in the sketch plans already submitted by the said Gordon Challen to the Government.

(3) The said Gordon Challen shall not during
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the continuance of this Agreement mortgage or place any encumbrance on his dwelling house erected on the said land without the previous permission in writing of the Government.

(4) No rent shall be payable in respect of the occupation of the land by the said Gordon Challen during such less period than three years as the said Gordon Challen shall be in the employment of the Government and in consideration of the fact of such employment.

(5) If at any time during the space of three years from the date hereof the said Gordon Challen shall cease to be employed by the Government the aforesaid house shall be delivered over within three calendar months from the date of termination of the said employment to the Government in good order and condition and the Government shall pay to the said Gordon Challen the sum of \$250 in full compensation for all his rights in and over the said house and any other buildings erected by the said Gordon Challen upon the land,

Provided always that the said Gordon Challen may at his option remove all buildings on the land within the said three months after termination of employment in which case no compensation shall be payable by the Government.

(6) It is further hereby stipulated and agreed that should the said Gordon Challen complete

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three years satisfactory service with the Government from the 1st of September instant the sanction of the Secretary of State for the Colonies will be sought to enable the said Gordon Challen to purchase the site herein referred to for the reserve price set upon town land in Stanley, namely at the rate of \$100 an acre.

(7) This Agreement will if not previously determined by the action of the parties cease and come to an end in three years from the date hereof.

(8) In the event of any dispute arising concerning the interpretation of any part of this Agreement the decision of the Governor-in-Council in the matter shall be final.

AS WITNESS our hands the day and year first above written.

Signed by

H. HENNIKER-HEATON,
Colonial Secretary.
(On behalf of the Government
of the Falkland Islands)

(SGD). H. HENNIKER-HEATON.

In the presence of

(SGD.) A. E. SMITH.

Signed by

GORDON LESLIE CHALLEN.

(SGD.) GORDON LESLIE CHALLEN.

In the presence of

(SGD.) A. E. SMITH.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,

19th August, 1927.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 151.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your despatch, No. 13 of the 6th of February, 1925, relative to the secondment from the Admiralty of Mr. G. Roberts and Mr. L. B. White for appointment as Officer in Charge and Accounting Clerk, respectively, in connection with the Stanley Improvement Scheme and to invite your notice of the fact that the period of the engagement of these officers for three years under this Government will terminate on the 6th of February, 1928.

2. I would state that in view more particularly of the additional expenditure on the Stanley Improvement Scheme approved by your telegram of the 5th of July, 1927, it will not be practicable to complete the programme of works authorised by the 6th of February, 1928, and that it is most desirable that the services of Mr. Roberts and of Mr. White should be retained for some time further and in any case until the end of the coming summer.

3. Mr. Roberts and Mr. White are both willing to remain on in the Colony in their present employment until the end of April, 1928, and I would therefore ask your sanction to extend the period of their engagement for a term not exceeding three months/

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months from the date of its expiration on the 6th of February, 1928. In the event of your approval of my request I would also ask that the necessary consent thereto of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty may be obtained.

4. I would add that Mr. Roberts and Mr. White are both eligible for the grant of three months' leave with full salary at termination of their engagement exclusive of the time taken on the voyage from the Colony to the United Kingdom and that on the assumption that they leave the Colony by a convenient sailing early in May they would be ready for re-absorption on to the Admiralty establishment at the beginning of September, 1928.

5. On account of the long delay which appears probable to occur if your answer to this despatch is to be sent by the present infrequent service of mails I should be grateful for the conveyance by telegram of your consent, or otherwise, to the proposals which I have put forward in it.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

19th August, 1927.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 152.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the wireless telegraphy stations at Stanley and at Grytviken, South Georgia, are both able regularly to receive the news bulletin which is sent daily from Rugby by the Daily Mail to the Captain of the s.s. "Olympic" of the White Star line but that it is understood that the service is copyright.

2. I would ask therefore, if you see no objection to such procedure, that the proprietors of the Daily Mail may be approached and asked whether they are agreeable that this news bulletin should be taken by the wireless stations belonging to this Government for circulation in the distant and isolated Colony of the Falkland Islands.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

Experimental/

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L. C. M. S. AMERY, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

STANLEY,

19th August, 1927.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 153.

Sir, 1st of January, 1927. At the rate of £1 per mensem I have the honour to inform you that the duties of Accounting Clerk to the Experimental Farm have been performed since the 1st of October, 1925, by Mr. H. C. Ley, First Clerk in the Treasury, in addition to his normal duties and in his own time. Mr. Ley has hitherto received remuneration for these duties at the rate of £1 per mensem although I am unable to trace that your authority for this payment has been specifically sought and granted.

2. I consider after consultation with the Treasurer that the volume of work now devolving upon Mr. Ley is inadequately remunerated at the rate of £1 per mensem and that it would be equitable for him to be paid at the rate of £3 per mensem from the beginning of the current year when on the arrival of the Farm Manager from New Zealand the activities of the Experimental Farm were augmented in a considerable degree.

3. I have therefore in accordance with the provisions of Colonial Regulation 247 to seek your covering approval of the payment of this allowance to Mr. Ley from the funds of the

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Experimental Farm, which are available to meet the charge, at the rate of £1 per mensem for the period from the 1st of October, 1925, to the 31st of December, 1926, and ^{your approval} of its continuance from the 1st of January, 1927, at the rate of £3 per mensem.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

20th August, 1927.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 154.

Sir,

With reference to your Circular despatch of the 12th of June, 1925, and in accordance with the requirements of Article 21 of the Geneva Drugs Convention, 1925, I have the honour to transmit an estimate of the quantities of each of the substances covered by the Convention to be imported into the territory under this administration for medical purposes during the year 1928.

In duplicate.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,

22nd August, 1927.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 155.

Sir,

I have the honour to request that the necessary steps may be taken for the despatch to South Georgia of three pairs of ibex the introduction of which I consider is well worthy a trial.

2. I would remark that the reindeer imported into that Dependency by various whaling companies in the years 1911 and 1912 and again in the year 1925 have thrived and that the present number of the herds is estimated at five hundred.

3. If it is found practicable to give effect to my wishes in this matter I shall be grateful for such arrangements as can conveniently be made for the transport of the animals to South Georgia by a whaling factory or transport.

4. I would add that all expenses which may be incurred in this connection will be met as a charge against the revenues of the Dependencies.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

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ENCLOSURE TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH, No. 156

of the 17th of June, 1927.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

22nd August, 1927.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 156.

Sir,

In duplicate.

1 With reference to my despatch, No. 106 of the 17th of June, 1927, on the subject of the proposed utilization of the wild geese of the Falkland Islands for the manufacture of pate de foie gras, I have the honour to transmit, for your information, copies of further correspondence exchanged in this connection between the Ambassador at Buenos Aires and myself.

2. You will see that Sir Malcolm Robertson considers that it is unlikely that any firm in the Argentine would be interested in the proposal and suggests that alternatively it might be possible to start a trade in the wild geese frozen for export.

3. I shall explore this latter avenue and if it appears to lead to any feasible outlet shall not fail to address you further in due course. The market for the French product is very limited, but I have the honour to be, Sir, Your most obedient, humble servant,

3. The manager of the "Frigorifico" Swift stated that his Company would not be erecting a

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HIS EXCELLENCY
MAJOR ARNOLD HODSON, C.M.G.,
GOVERNOR OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS,
GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

L. C. M. S. AMERY, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

ENCLOSURE TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH, No. 156
of the 22nd of August, 1927.

BRITISH EMBASSY,

BUENOS AIRES,

July 14th, 1927.

Sir, Your Excellency to endeavour to persuade

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 187/27 of June 17th, enquiring regarding the market for "pate de foie gras" in the Argentine Republic in connection with the possible utilization of the wild geese of the Falkland Islands.

2. I have caused enquiries to be made of one of the leading cold storage firms here, Messrs Swift. They inform me that they manufacture here large quantities of "Pate de foie", which is sold in small tins at the cheap rate of twenty centavos per tin of ninety grammes. I have the honour to enclose a sample. This product is not, of course, manufactured from goose livers but from the livers of the animals slaughtered at the firm's "frigorifico". The genuine "pate de foie gras" is mainly a French product, made in Strasburg and Perigord, and the geese are specially treated, being kept in a dark room which causes their livers to expand. The market for the French product is very limited, owing to its high price which is augmented by high customs duties. Thus the prospects for the sale here of wild goose liver paste from the Falkland Islands are unfavourable.

3. The manager of the "Frigorifico" Swift stated that his Company would not be interested in erecting a factory/

HIS EXCELLENCY
 MAJOR ARNOLD HODSON, C.M.G.,
 GOVERNOR OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS,
 GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
 STANLEY.

Sent
Separately.

factory in the Falkland Islands, nor did he consider it likely that any other firm would be interested, as it would not be a paying proposition. He thought that the best policy would be for Your Excellency to endeavour to persuade some firm to undertake to shoot the wild geese and then to freeze them and ship them either to Argentina, the United States or Great Britain, preferably the last-named, where there might be a market for frozen wild geese. On this point I am, of course, unable to express an opinion. The undertaking would, in any case, depend upon whether suitable shipping facilities exist with cold storage accommodation.

I have, etc.,

(SGD.) MALCOLM A. ROBERTSON.

In the meantime considering the proposal of
vetting this business in the Colony and as you
suggest I am turning my attention to the
possibility of starting a trade in the wild geese
found for export.

I am sending a copy of your despatch and
of this despatch to the Secretary of State for
the Colonies.

I have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's most

obedient, humble servant,

(SGD.) ARTHUR SCOTT.

SIR MALCOLM ROBERTSON, G.C.B., G.C.M.G.,

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

22nd August, 1927.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 187 /27.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch of the 14th of July, 1927, on the subject of the possible utilization of the wild geese of the Falkland Islands for the manufacture of pate de foie gras and to thank you for the interest which you have been good enough to show in this matter and also for the sample tin of the pate de foie gras manufactured in the Argentine which you so kindly sent together with your despatch under reply.

2. I am disappointed naturally to learn that there is little or no prospect of any firm in the Argentine considering the proposal of entering this business in the Colony and as you suggest I am turning my attention to the possibility of starting a trade in the wild geese frozen for export.

3. I am sending a copy of your despatch and of this despatch to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

I have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's most

obedient, humble servant,

(SGD.) ARNOLD HODSON.

SIR MALCOLM ROBERTSON, K.B.E., C.M.G.,

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,
22nd August, 1927.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 157.

Sir,

I have the honour to request in view of the long and somewhat uncertain transmission of the mails from the Falkland Islands to the United Kingdom that the receipt from time to time by you of mails from the Colony may be acknowledged on each occasion by telegram.

2. If my request meets with your approval I would suggest that the telegram might take the form of a codeword, to be indicated on the schedule of despatches transmitted by each mail followed by the date of receipt.

3. In the present instance the mail is leaving by the m.v. "Laguna" on or about the 28th of August, 1927, and in anticipation of your approval I have caused the codeword "LAGUN" to be inserted at the foot of the schedule.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

L. C. H. S. AMERY, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

22nd August, 1927.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 158.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the previous correspondence terminating in your telegram of the 5th of August, 1927, relative to the proposed addition to Government House, Stanley, of servants' quarters by the conversion of the existing stone outhouse adjacent thereto at a cost not exceeding £400 to be met from the available surplus balances of the Colony.

2. I have to express my regret that the members of the Executive and Legislative Councils were not consulted in this connection before the despatch of my telegram of the 27th of July, 1927, but I would say that they would have been consulted in any event before the work, if sanctioned by you, had been put in hand. I would remark incidentally that as reported in my despatch, No. 122 of the 5th of July, 1927, the place of Mr. George Bonner on the Executive Council has been filled during his temporary absence from the Colony by the appointment of Mr. H. H. R. Gresham, M.L.C.

3. I would then explain that in putting forward the proposal for the provision of servants' quarters at Government House I am

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actuated by no personal motives. I would indeed lay stress on the fact that my own personal accommodation is most comfortable and that I am more than satisfied with it. I consider, however, that it is my duty as Governor of this Colony to uphold the prestige of Government and to entertain on a scale somewhat more extended than in the past. I haste to assure you that there is in this representation no implied criticism of my predecessors who have been greatly handicapped for this very reason of lack of accommodation in offering hospitality in the manner in which I feel certain that they would have been the first to desire. I cannot but trust that this conception of my duty will commend itself to you.

4. I have every reason to believe that adequate accommodation for a number of guests at Government House will prove an inestimable boon to farmers and their families who visit Stanley from time to time on occasions such as the Christmas Race Meeting and the arrival and departure of the annual passenger steamships from and to the United Kingdom, and will be keenly appreciated by them all. Stanley has no hotel worthy or even claiming the name and such boarding-houses as are open to receive visitors are primitive and cramped. It is no uncommon occurrence on the occasions to which I have referred for two or three persons to be put together in one small room while actual instance can be cited where the rightful occupant of a room has retired to rest to find that his, or her, bed has been given to another. As a result there is

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no need for the proprietors to adopt methods calculated to attract or retain custom and the general tone of the establishments may be typified in an actual announcement to the effect that "dinner is at 7 o'clock and if you don't like it or are not "there at that time you can go without it."

5. At the present time the four guest rooms on the first floor of the new section of Government House are all occupied by my domestic staff, and in addition my valet and the kitchen-maid are housed in attics scarcely fit for human habitation in this cold climate. My Aide-de-camp takes up one bedroom in the old section down the long corridor familiarly known as the "Straits of Magellan" and I am thus left with two small bedrooms only opening on to this same corridor for the reception of any guests official and private whom I may have to entertain. I annex a plan of Government House showing the existing accommodation and the way in which it is at present allotted.

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6. I hope that I have shown to your satisfaction that the provision of new quarters for the servants at Government House is essential if it is to be maintained and conducted on lines similar to those of Government Houses in other Colonies. I am averse naturally to any unnecessary expenditure from the public revenues but I can say without hesitation that in this case the expenditure proposed is fully justified and that if it is not absolutely unavoidable it is at least imperatively required for a service which is in my opinion of primary importance.

7. The plan of the proposed building of
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Enclosure II.

which I annex a copy for your information has been drawn up by Mr. G. Roberts, the Executive Engineer of the Stanley Improvement Scheme. The suggestion is to make use of an existing stone-built outhouse standing in the courtyard at the back of Government House and to convert it into servants' quarters with five bedrooms and a bathroom and usual offices at a total cost not exceeding £400. This outhouse is at present put to no useful purpose and I am sure that its conversion is the cheapest and most convenient solution of the difficulty which I wish to overcome. Mr. Roberts' estimate of £400 is framed on simple and economical lines and is broadly divided under three heads as follows :-

Materials ...	£271.
Labour... ..	109.
Contingencies..	20.
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8. I have therefore to ask your sanction to the proposal put forward and to state that subject to your sanction which I should be grateful to receive by telegram, I am causing the necessary financial provision to be inserted in the draft Estimates of the Expenditure for 1928 under a special item of Head XIX. "Public Works Extraordinary". As you are aware the Estimates are introduced locally before the Executive and Legislative Councils during the month of October or November in each year by which time this year Mr. George Bonner, M.E.C., and Mr. G. J. Felton, M.L.C., will have returned to the Colony and will

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have the opportunity of expressing their views in the matter.

9. In like manner I should be glad to receive your approval of the expenditure of a sum of from £100 to £150 on the provision of the necessary furniture and bedding for the new bedrooms in which case the amount inserted under Head XVIII. Public Works Recurrent, item 4. "Furniture, Government House" in the draft Estimates of the Expenditure for 1928 would be increased from £100 to £250. In this connection I would say that much of the furniture and fittings in the public rooms at Government House requires renewal in the near future but that in view of the expenditure involved in the proposals already put forward I do not propose to proceed with the matter at any rate during the coming financial year.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

23rd August, 1927.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 159.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that I understand that legislation has been enacted in the African Colonies in which I have had the honour previously to serve, providing for the payment of a gratuity and reduced pension in lieu of a full pension to a pensionable officer on his retirement at his option exercisable within a specified period from the date of the passing of the relative Ordinance.

2. In view of the delay which inevitably occurs in the transmission of the mails between this Colony and the United Kingdom I wish to record formally in this despatch my desire to exercise the option for the payment to me on my eventual retirement of a gratuity and reduced pension in lieu of the full pension which I might ordinarily be granted, and I would ask that you will be good enough to cause an intimation to this effect to be addressed to the administration of the Colonies concerned.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

L. C. M. S. AMERY, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

23rd August, 1927.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 160.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to my telegrams of the 25th of July and of the 18th of August, 1927, informing you of my departure for and return from South Georgia, respectively, and to lay before you the record of the principal incidents connected with and impressions obtained from my visit to that Dependency.

2. I left Stanley on the afternoon of the 2nd of August in the s.s. "Fleurus", a vessel of the trawler type of 144 tons register with a speed of 9 knots, which belongs, as you are aware, to the Tonsberg Whaling Company and runs under contract with this Government on the mail service between the Falkland Islands and South Georgia, where I arrived after a somewhat stormy passage on the evening of the 6th of August having crossed eight hundred miles of the boisterous southern ocean in mid-winter in rather less than one hundred hours steaming. I went first to the Government headquarters at Grytviken in Cumberland Bay, and I remained there until the 11th of August when I left for Husvik and the other whaling stations established in the Island. These

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stations are, you will recollect, five in number and are situated all on the east or lee side of South Georgia in the order following from north to south

1. The Southern Whaling and Sealing Company at Prince Olaf Harbour;
2. The South Georgia Company (Salvesen) at Leith Harbour;
3. The Vestfold Company (being the amalgamation of the Sandefjord and the Ocean Companies) at Stromness Harbour;
4. The Tonsberg Company at Husvik Harbour; and
5. The Compania Argentina de Pesca at Grytviken.

In addition to these companies Messrs Bryde and Dahl operate from a floating factory on a shore lease at Godt Hull Harbour. I am addressing you in a separate despatch in regard to the conditions on which this latter lease is worked and on which a future renewal should in my opinion be granted. For your facility of reference I annex a copy of a chart which I have been enabled to have made by the courtesy of one of the whaling managers and on which I have caused to be indicated in red the precise position of each of the stations.

3. I would state in the first place that I was greatly impressed with the good order and efficiency of the administration in this distant Dependency. The staff is small but they seemed all to be happy and contented and to be on the most harmonious relations both between themselves and with the whaling community. The Government property and buildings were well maintained and

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the arrangements for my reception and convenience during my stay were admirably executed under the capable direction of Mr. W. Barlas, the Acting Magistrate. The whaling community, composed almost exclusively of Norwegians and other Scandinavians, appears to be most law-abiding and it is the fact that there has been no occasion to hear any case in the Magistrate's court for over eighteen months. Personally I was received by the whaling managers and their work people with the utmost warmth and hospitality, and I have nothing but gratitude to express for the all kindness which I had of them throughout my visit. I am arranging later in the season to hold a Sports meeting for them as an earnest of my appreciation and of my interest in their well-being. I would add that I have also arranged for cases of books and illustrated papers collected by the kindness of friends at home to be sent out to South Georgia for distribution and that the shipping companies are making no charge for their transport. The first of these cases in fact arrived by the mail of the 21st of August last.

4. In regard to the Government staff at South Georgia one comment only I have to make and that is to the effect that to ensure thorough control it is somewhat short in numbers. With the Government personnel the operations conducted at Leith, Stromness, Husvik, and Grytviken can be efficiently supervised but not so those at Godt Hull and Prince Olaf Harbours. I consider that

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the addition to the establishment of one Assistant Customs Officer is necessary and I propose to insert provision accordingly in the draft Estimates of the Expenditure for 1928. It is calculated that during the past whaling season an approximate amount of £10,000 was lost to the revenue through lack of supervision particularly at Prince Olaf Harbour at which station I enquired into the circumstances with special care. The waste occurs in the decomposition of whales which are allowed to accumulate in harbour and to wait for two or three or even more days before utilization. As the whale carcass loses 20% of its oil value in forty-eight hours and after four days is useless except for the blubber it is apparent how essential it is to ensure that whales are not killed faster than they can be treated at the factory or from any cause are not left to deteriorate before treatment. Furthermore to ensure the total utilization of whale carcasses it will be necessary in future to insist on the installation of adequate pressure boilers for the boiling down of the bones and meat and when the several leases come up for consideration for their renewal I propose to lay it down that a capacity of 8,000 cubic feet of pressure boilers is provided for each catcher employed by the Company concerned.

5. I would here observe with reference to paragraph 5 of my despatch, No. 102 of the 15th of June, 1927, that I do not propose in any way to interfere in the matter of the bonus paid to gunners as I consider that it rests entirely

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between employer and employee and is not one into which the Government can rightly enter. I intend to study in further detail the question of the close season to which reference is also made and to furnish you in due course with my observations on the subject.

6. As you are aware it is the blue and the fin whale which are chiefly hunted at South Georgia the former species being the more eagerly sought by reason of its greater size and yield. It is interesting to note that the sperm whale is not in favour. The production of oil from this species involves additional time and expense and the process of squeezing out the head by hand is most laborious. In fact 4 blue whales can be prepared in the time it takes to do one sperm. The oil is itself of a waxy nature and cannot be mixed with other kinds of whale oil except in small quantities and even then it is generally discovered and lowers the price of the whole consignment, so that the demand for it at present is negligible. For purposes of comparison of yield the 'standard' whale has, you will recall, been invented, by Mr. Barlas, and adopted at South Georgia. The method used is to convert all whales on a proportionate basis into blue whales and standardisation is worked out on the following ratio :

Blue Whales	...	75 barrels
Sperm Whales	...	60 barrels
Fin Whales..	...	45 barrels
Humpbacks...	...	30 barrels
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for example a catch of 500 whales, comprising 100 blue, 200 fin, and 200 humpback, and yielding 30,000 barrels of oil, would result in an average per

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'standard whale' of 100 barrels, thus :-

<u>Species.</u>	<u>Reduction.</u>	<u>Standard Whales.</u>
Fin	$\frac{200 \times 45}{75} =$	120.
Humpback	$\frac{200 \times 30}{75} =$	80.
Blue	100 =	100.
		<u>300.</u>

Yield	30,000 barrels.	= an average of 100 barrels per standard whale.
Standard Whales.	300.	

It should be added for completeness of record that a barrel of whale oil is equivalent to forty gallons and that six barrels or two hundred and forty gallons go to a ton. I would add that the right whale is entirely protected and the humpback partially so: the latter are not numerous and small numbers only of the former are occasionally seen. I propose with your concurrence in future to cause the 'standard whale' to be adopted throughout the Dependencies for statistical purposes.

7. I was again much impressed by the general efficiency of the methods on which the whaling industry is managed. The stations are equipped for the most part with the most modern plant and are extremely well run. Almost all the houses are comfortably furnished and are lighted by electricity; they maintain hospitals with qualified medical men and at Leith Harbour even an X-ray apparatus is in use. By the employment of open boilers for the treatment of the blubber and of pressure boilers for the treatment of the whale bones and meat and by the conversion of the by-products /

by-products into guano the utilisation of the entire carcass is secured so far as it is possible and the waste reduced to an absolute minimum. The station at Stromness Harbour belonging to the amalgamated Ocean and Sandefjord Whaling Companies is the most modern; it employs five catchers and is one of the largest, if not the largest station, in the world as well as the most up-to-date. There are three slipways in South Georgia at Grytviken, Leith, and Husvik and in addition this season a floating dock is being constructed at Grytviken capable of taking vessels up to 600 tons dead weight at a cost of 160,000 kronen or approximately £9,000. There are cinematographs at Leith and Husvik and also at Grytviken where the church, believed to be the most southerly in the world and erected by the whaling companies in 1913, is used for this purpose. The companies themselves maintain five small automatic flash lights, as shown on the chart, as well as fixed lights to mark the passage into their harbours in contrast to the administration which itself does nothing to assist them in this connection. The whale catchers are perfect craft of their kind and are handled by their captains who are also the gunners with marvellous skill. The registered tonnage of these vessels varies from 66 to 116 tons, their speed is from 13 to 14 knots, and their engines which are the most silent and best obtainable are from 1150 to 1200 I.H.P. The crews number from 11 to 13 hands.

8. I took the occasion to discuss fully with the managers the question of pelagic whaling. As a result I feel convinced that pelagic whaling has

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its origin in the refusal by this Government in accordance with your instructions to grant fresh licences at any rate for the present and is in no wise due to any desire to evade the whaling regulations or the payment of imports. Popular report had it that the s.s. "Lancing" has had a comparatively good season, that her catch amounted to 35,000 barrels of oil, that she has paid expenses, and in addition a small dividend. The managers regard these operations as somewhat under-hand or in their own phrase as "going behind the bush" but do not feel them to be a serious menace at least at South Georgia where the seas are too rough to permit of working in any satisfactory manner and there is no ice during the season under the lee of which the factory can find shelter. I was interested to learn on reliable information that many of the managers have shares in the s.s. "Lancing" and that some of them have near relations working on board her. I was also told that further pelagic whalers are being built at the present time in Norway but I have been unable hitherto to test the accuracy of such statements. I intend to give this matter of pelagic whaling my particular attention with the object, if possible of arriving at some solution of the problem which may be mutually agreeable.

9. In regard to whale movements I gathered that the opinion in regard to the migratory streams that visit South Georgia is that they come and go between the waters of the Dependency and those of latitude 38° to 42° South where they are

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to be met during the 'off' season some 200 miles from the coast of South America. During my visit I saw no whales blowing and I was told that none had been seen this winter. This circumstance is apparently unusual and is taken as indicative of a lean season. I can only say that I trust that this will not prove to be the case and await the actual outcome.

10. I was much astonished and awed at the grandeur of the scenery. The precipitous mountain ranges covered with snow rise sheer from the sea to a height in places of 6,000 feet - they are cleft with deep glacier-filled valleys and are robed in eternal silence - the velocity of the wind rises at times to hurricane force as it rushes down from them. Its violence is incredible as exemplified in accounts told of the hull of a motor boat at Husvik being lifted bodily from behind the factory and never seen again, and of a boat being carried from off the surface of Leith Harbour and smashed against the billiard room of the station. The whaling station at Leith has twice been wrecked by avalanches although fortunately one life only has been lost.

11. I should state before I conclude this despatch that on the day following my arrival I laid a wreath on the grave of Sir Ernest Shackleton, C.V.O., who rests in the graveyard at Grytviken close to the Compania Argentina de Pesca's whaling station. The wreath was composed of evergreens and red geraniums. I was accompanied in my solemn duty by the Acting Magistrate and other Government officials at South Georgia and by the whaling managers /

managers. The grave itself, I am glad to say, was well-kept and showed evident signs of care. I am writing personally to Lady Shackleton giving her an account of this simple ceremony in honour of her husband's memory.

12. I left South Georgia from Port Olaf Harbour on the evening of the 13th of August to return to Stanley. We encountered very severe weather with mountainous seas and violent squalls so that our arrival there was delayed until the morning of the 18th of August. I feel that the experience gained from my visit to the Dependency has been of great value and will assist me in no small measure in the study of the many problems which arise out of the industry centred in it.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

23rd August, 1927.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 161.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to my despatch, No. 160 of even date on the subject of my recent visit to South Georgia and to report more specifically as to the conditions on which the floating factory maintained by Messrs Bryde and Dahl in connection with their lease at Godt Hull Harbour is worked.

2. You will recollect that this is the only floating factory operating at South Georgia and that the lease to which I have made reference is for twenty-one years terminating on the 15th of September, 1929. The floating factory, by name the "Thor I", is old and the plant inadequate as compared with up-to-date standards while lack of space on board prohibits satisfactory improvement. In particular the absence of proper pressure boilers for the treatment of whale bones and meat is most wasteful and it is estimated that during the past season alone some 15,000 barrels, or 2,500 tons, of oil were lost in this way representing a loss to the revenue of £3,750.

3. I would propose accordingly when the question of the renewal of this lease comes up for consideration to insist that a condition precedent

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shall be the installation, presumably on land but it is immaterial whether a further ship is procured or a shore station erected, of pressure boilers with a minimum capacity on the basis of 8,000 cubic feet per catcher. Messrs Bryde and Dahl are authorised at present to employ three catchers in connection with the lease and after enquiry I am satisfied that the basis suggested is requisite and equitable both in the particular case and as a general principle governing the grant or renewal of similar leases in the future.

4. In the event of your approval of which I should be glad to receive intimation or otherwise in due course I would then cause Messrs Bryde and Dahl to be informed in such sense in order that an opportunity may be afforded to them to deliberate on the position before the time actually comes for the surrender or the renewal of the lease.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

23rd August, 1927.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 162.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to my despatch, No. 160 of even date on the subject of my recent visit to South Georgia and to address you on a matter which I consider to be of primary importance, the provision of a Government House or satisfactory quarters in the Dependency for the use of the Governor or other senior official such as the Colonial Secretary visiting on duty.

2. In the first place I would emphasize how important it is in my opinion that the whaling industry should be supervised and studied on the spot personally by the Governor and by his principal advisers. Practical problems such as the industry presents can only be investigated in the light of practical experience and I am most anxious to further in every way any measure which may lead to the increased development and prosperity of this wealthy enterprise. I intend therefore with your concurrence to make my headquarters at South Georgia for a month or more during the annual whaling season.

3. Furthermore I consider that it is highly desirable for the sake of the British administration/

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ion of the Colony and its Dependencies that the Governor should uphold worthily his prestige and should be able to return in due form the unbounded kindness and hospitality invariably extended by the Norwegian managers and their staffs to him and to all officials in the service of the administration.

4. I would explain that I do not contemplate the construction of an elaborate or expensive building for this purpose, and to assure you that I have no grandiose design in view. A small bungalow would serve excellently as the pied-a-terre desired provided only that it were detached sufficiently far from other buildings. The present Marine Station at Grytviken indeed is entirely suitable and should it be closed down at any time I would ask that it may be transferred to the administration of the Dependencies for use in the manner suggested. There is, however, no other accommodation at South Georgia which could be made available; in fact the quarters for the existing staff are barely adequate and permit of no expansion.

5. Alternatively if there is no immediate prospect of this request being met I have to seek your sanction generally to the proposal for the provision of a Government House at South Georgia, in which case I will prepare a detailed scheme with estimate of cost for your consideration. A suitable and central situation more convenient in some ways than Grytviken would be

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Husvik or Stromness from either of which places regular communication with the remaining stations is easily maintained by the use of wireless telephones.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

26th August, 1927.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 163.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that reliable reception of the British Government Wireless Station at Rugby has now been established at the Wireless Station maintained by this Government at Stanley and to suggest that the Postmaster General may be approached with the view to an arrangement being made for the direct transmission from the United Kingdom to the Falkland Islands of messages addressed "via Rugby Radio."

2. I have further to suggest that the Postmaster General may be asked to allow such messages to be treated as the ship messages sent out from the Rugby Station at 0100 G.M.T. daily. I would explain that messages transmitted in this manner to Accra in the Gold Coast have recently been overheard at the Stanley Station.

3. In the event of my suggestions meeting with your approval and being found practicable by the Postmaster General I shall be grateful if I may be advised by telegram of the date on which the new service will be begun in order that the necessary watch may be kept at the hour stated.

4. It is calculated that by the suggested arrangement the cost of telegrams from the United Kingdom /

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Kingdom to the Colony will be reduced from the present rate of 4s. 2d, a word via Monte Video to 1s. 3d, a word by the direct route with the usual reduction in the case of Government messages.

5. I would add that if your approval is granted to the proposals in connection with the general improvement of the wireless service of the Colony which I have put forward in a separate despatch I anticipate that within a comparatively short del from the date of the receipt of such approval it will be practicable to establish and maintain direct two-way communication between the Colony and the United Kingdom by wireless telegraphy on shortwave with low power.

6. In conclusion I have much pleasure in recording the good work performed in this connection by Captain J. K. Nethercoate, the Superintendent of Telegraphs and Telephones, and his staff. I speak highly for Captain Nethercoate's initiative, energy, and ability that such rapid progress should have been made in this important matter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

Humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.