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CORONATION OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II.

Applications for Coronation Seats.



Colonial Office,  
The Church House,  
Great Smith Street,  
London, S.W.1.

Dear Campbell.

13th August, 1952.

A number of seats on official stands along the route of the Coronation Procession will be placed at the disposal of the Colonial Office for sale to Colonial visitors and other persons closely connected with the Colonial territories. The actual number has not yet been decided but it is almost certain to be 6,000, of which about a quarter will be covered and the remainder uncovered, the cost being about £5.10.0d and £3.10.0d a seat respectively.

As these points are still unsettled the Secretary of State cannot address you by despatch, and I am therefore writing to let you know in advance our intentions about whatever seats are made available to us.

We have first to provide seats for the stewards on our sections of the stands. Then a substantial allocation must be set aside for sale to retired Colonial Service officers, to United Kingdom representatives of Colonial Governments and to Colonial students in the United Kingdom. Then, after the deduction of a reserve for contingencies, the remainder of the seats will be distributed between the various Colonial territories for sale to persons who are normally resident in the Colonies. The staff of regional bodies would have to be provided for from the quota of the territory in which they are resident. We think that it will be possible to put 20 seats at your disposal. The proportion of uncovered to covered will, of course, depend upon the total number of each type allotted to us but for present purposes it can be assumed that not more than a quarter of the seats will be covered. It will be necessary for your Government to undertake the financial liability for these seats, including any not eventually taken up for any reason, but as we should probably be able to dispose of any surplus seats at the last moment without much difficulty, and these would have to be paid for by the purchaser, this should not be a serious liability. I should be grateful if you would let me know as soon as possible, and in any case not later than the end of October, whether your Government is prepared to commit itself to taking up the number of seats I have mentioned.

The actual tickets themselves will not be sent out to you but you will be asked to let us have a list of the persons to whom your allocation should be sold and they would be required to obtain their tickets direct from the Colonial Office after their arrival in the United Kingdom. You will also be asked to let us have a short supplementary list of persons to whom tickets should be issued, should

*CS ? no difficulty about procuring the seats as it is the fair leave season? it*  
*(2) Notice to mine as suggested in 4/ conf.*  
*g.m.m.g.h.*  
*See 6*  
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Colin Campbell, Esq.

Reply at 13.



it be possible to increase your quota at a later date. It will be for you to decide how the seats allotted to your territory should be distributed among those who apply, but it should be a rule that each applicant should not be eligible for more than two tickets. Tickets will not be transferable.

If you consider it desirable, there would be no objection to your making some public announcement now about the fact that a small number of seats will be available to persons from your territory-without, of course, mentioning any definite figures - and drawing up a list of applicants for consideration at the appropriate time. A number of requests for seats have in fact already been received in the Colonial Office and a list of these will be sent out to the appropriate Governments very shortly in order that they may be taken into account when the distribution of tickets is being dealt with.

An extra Garden Party will be given at Buckingham Palace four or five days before the Coronation and it is hoped that a considerable number of Colonial visitors will be invited to that function. We shall be writing to you separately about this.

Yours sincerely,

P. I. A. / Lynd

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PUBLIC NOTICE.

A small number of seats on official stands along the route of the Coronation Procession will be available to persons normally resident in the Falkland Islands. The cost per seat is expected to be about £5. 10. -d. or £3. 10. -d. according to whether the seat is under cover or not.

2. Persons interested should apply at the Secretariat without delay, and in any case not later than the 15th October, 1952.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
STANLEY.  
4th October, 1952.

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A.B.L. has applied for nomination  
 seats for his parents - Mr. & Mrs. A.B.L.  
 Bennett. They are now residents  
 in the U.K. but Mr. Bennett served  
 this post as Customs Officer for  
 something like 27 years & is  
 now on the Colony's pension list.  
 This I think should qualify  
 them as "normally resident".

2. May I accept the  
 booking pl.?

S  
 J.X.

A.B.L.  
 They are not normally resident  
 in the Colony - but pl p.s. list  
 for consideration - fact that they are now  
 resident U.K. to be  
 noted against their names.

J.X.



2.25/ P.I.

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1 We are asked to inform whether Govt will undertake financial liability for 20 seats, this appears unreasonable but I assume it is done to ensure that inflated estimates of requirements will not be forwarded.

2 A public notice was issued (p.3) and the only response is at C.C. application for 10 seats - 5 for residents and 5 for people connected with F.I.

3 We are not at this stage required to forward names for tickets - we are to be addressed later.

4 It is probable that when arrangements are on a firmer footing we would get more applications but I do not consider Govt should undertake financial liability which in any case would need approval of Legislature -

5 I suggest we reply to 1 saying that we consider that the allocation of 20 seats would be taken up here but that Govt cannot accept financial responsibility.

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J.S.B.  
12/11

C.S. In a place this size we ought to be able to get firm bookings now <sup>at least</sup> to within 2 or 3 seats of our requirements.

2) As regards your para 5 - I think P/S will want something a little more definite soon & to the following effect.

a) Museum telegram to P/S } at cover.  
b) Public notice on cases }

3) Public Notice to be broadcast on next two Fridays

4) B.O. 26/11.

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A.C.S.

above 4.2.2. pt.

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Off. Re.

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J.S.B.  
12/11

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 12.11.52. Time: 1500. Received: ..... Time: .....

No 159. Following for Lloyd begins. Your demi  
official letter 13th August. Coronation Seats.  
Anticipate twenty seats will be taken up but regret  
unable give firm financial undertaking until end  
November. Ends.

OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT.

GTC  
SS

PUBLIC NOTICE.

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At the beginning of October a notice was broadcast advising the Public that a small number of seats on official stands along the route of the Coronation Procession will be available to persons normally resident in the Falkland Islands. The cost per seat is expected to be about £5. 10. -d. or £3. 10. -d. according to whether the seat is under cover or not.

2. There are still a few seats which have not been taken up and any further applications should be sent to the Secretariat by 25th November, after which date the list will be closed.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
STANLEY.  
12th November, 1952.

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Office Paas. 3 of B on 5 - pe. see that  
this is done. £.  
13/11



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A.C.S.

Para 3 of B on 5. - passed to Mr. J. J. Biggs  
with request to b'cast, then hand to News  
Rdr. of 21st for re-b'cast.

Wt. 13/12/52

W.S.

Re-use - no response

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26/11

BU 26/11

G.H.  
P.5.

No further applications for seats have been received. Final list is at l.c.

I still do not consider request for seats quite reasonable - I cannot see the larger colonies committing themselves as would be the case to a large sum of money. The reasonable method would be to allocate us so many seats for disposal and for us to collect the money & inform S/S by a certain date what seats had not been taken up; this is probably why D was demi-official.

At p.2. it states an applicant should not be eligible for more than 2 tickets

Mr Bonner has applied for 6. I think we should only agree to those for himself wife and Mrs. Bonner - His 3 sisters in England are not normally resident here.

Mr & Mrs Bennett are not normally resident here they have retired to U.K. and have been there for 14 years - he was employed by Govt from 1911 to 1938 but I do not think this qualifies him.

C.S. I find ① confusing - para 1 talks about tickets being available for persons normally closely connected with the colony & para 3 limits it to residents.

2) I have accordingly drafted a telegram & letter to Lord at l.c.

3) Before despatch, we ring up Mr Bonner & explain

a) His sisters do not qualify as residents

b) They do qualify as 'close connections' & we will make application in this case on their behalf.

c) In which case do they want their husbands as well? He obviously won't know the definite answer but we can get an expression of opinion & ask him to get confirmation.

4) Letter that he sent to Mr Barton asking for early confirmation that his son will take up his ticket.

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 11.12.52. Time: 1545. Received: ..... Time: .....

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No 173. Following for Lloyd begins. Your demi official  
letter 13th August and my telegram No 159. Coronation  
Seats. I wish take up only six seats for residents.  
Applications for further (seven/ten) seats received  
from persons closely connected with Colony. Particulars  
follow in next mail.

OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT.

Issue telegram only & return file to me pl.  
(Intld) J.B.

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Issued

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See 16

18th December,

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Sir,

I am directed to ask you to be good enough to confirm as soon as possible whether your son Michael will take up his ticket for a seat at the Coronation Procession.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) J.E. Briscoe

Acting Colonial Secretary.

The Hon. Mr. A.G. Barton, J.P.,  
STANLEY.

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I spoke to Mr. Bonner - he will not  
not be home for the coronation & wishes  
to cancel his application for seats.

Q. 22/2

Since writing above - we spoke.

When you are speaking to Mr. Barton would  
you please ask him for his son's last address.

Q. 22/2.

Off. Spoke AB.

You have the covering letter for one who can not  
be gained. Q. 23/2

Hold for letter who has gone to  
C. for admission. Q. 23/2

22nd December, 1952.

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Dear Lloyd,

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14-15.  
  
Would you please refer to your letter of the 13th of August, 1952, and my telegrams Nos. 159 and 173 of 1952, I enclose two lists of persons to whom I recommend that Coronation Seats should be sold.

I have divided them into "Residents" and "Persons closely connected with the Colony" since, though in paragraph (1) of your letter of the 13th of August, 1952, you stated that seats would be available to the latter, in paragraph (3) you appeared to limit territorial lists only to persons normally resident.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) Colin Campbell

T.I.K. Lloyd, Esq.,  
COLONIAL OFFICE.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS RESIDENT

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>No. of Tickets.</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Mr. J.W. Miller	121, Front Lane, Cranham, Upminster, Essex.	1	
Mr. A. Miller	121, Front Lane, Cranham, Upminster, Essex.	1	
Mr. M. Barton	c/o The Falkland Islands Company, Limited, 120, Pall Mall, LONDON, S.W.1.	1	



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AD

PERSONS CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH FALKLAND ISLANDS.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>No. of Tickets.</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Mr. A.G. Bennett	Malvina, Stock Road, Billericay, Essex.	2	Retired Government Servant accompanied by wife.
Mr. G.E. Holland	"The Matra", 10 Whitfield Lane, Heswall, Wirral, Cheshire.	2	Accompanied by wife.

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TELEGRAM SENT.

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From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR.

Despatched: 5.1.53. Time: 1800 Received: 6.1.53. Time: 0845

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No 5. Your telegram No 173. Seats for Coronation Procession. Allocation is confirmed of total of 6 seats 2 covered 4 uncovered revised price £6 and £4 respectively. Further communication will be addressed to you early in February as regards actual allocation of seats in stands the arrangements for issue of stand tickets and collection of cost of tickets which will be responsibility of your Government.

SECRETARY OF STATE

Bu 10/3/53

Repl. at 17.

P/L.  
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TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR.

Despatched: 15. 2. 53. Time: 10.50 Received: 16. 2. 53. Time: 09.05

16 No. 34. My telegram No. 5. Seats for Coronation procession.

Having regard to small number of seats required arrangements for collection of cost and allocation of seats will be made by Colonial Office direct with persons named in Campbell's letter 1527/B of 22nd December.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

G.T.C:VP

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Mr. Miller (J.H.) informed (Intld) J.B.  
10/3.

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Bu. 10/3/53  
Bu. 10/3  
J.B.

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cf Telegram at cover to advise its .  
Cost also recovered from Mr J. F. Bonner.

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 28.4.53 Time: 1555 Received: ..... Time: .....

13 No 87. My letter 1527/B of 22nd December 1952 to Lloyd.  
Coronation Seats.

Application for two more seats now received from Mrs. Sydenham-Clarke and Miss Rosemary Bonner. Both are Falkland Islands born and are sister and daughter respectively of prominent landowner here. Seats should be together and if possible covered. Tickets to be issued to and cost collected from Mrs. Sydenham-Clarke, c/o National Provincial Bank, Hove Town Hall Branch, Hove, Sussex. Glad to know if application approved.

OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT

Reply at 20

Yes  
18 - Accounts Office P.T.I. will arrange  
to charge to Mr. Bonner's personal A/c accy. R.

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29.4

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TELEGRAM SENT.

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From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Dated: 30.4.53

Time: 1825

Received: 1.5.53

Time: 0845

No 67. Your telegram No 37. Coronation Seats.

Mrs. Sydenham Clarice has been notified of allocation  
of two covered seats.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

B.U. file.  
(Intld)J.E.B.

*Y.H. f.i. re - 18-19. You will wish to inform Mr. Bonner?  
No - he knows.  
2/5  
RA*

P/L.  
SS