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SECRET

1765  
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SUBJECT:

4/56

Visit of H.R.H. The Duke of  
Edinburgh, 1957.

DECODE.

## TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR.

Despatched :- 2.4.56. Time: 0040 Received: 3.4.56. Time: 1200

SECRET. No:46

Following from Vile begins:-

I have been asked to tell you that H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh proposes to visit the Falkland Islands and the Dependencies on his way back from opening the Olympic Games in Australia. Proposes to arrive at Deception Island on the 31st December and to leave on the 2nd January to arrive Port Stanley on the morning of 4th January and to leave afternoon 5th January to arrive in South Georgia on the morning of 8th January and to leave that afternoon.

2. This is for your own information only at this stage. I will let you know when you may inform your leading unofficials of visit. Once a public announcement has been made Private Secretary to the Duke will be getting into direct touch with you to make all the necessary detailed arrangements for visit.

Cypher 'E' : FT.

The above telegram repeated to H.E. The Governor on board the "Shackleton" 4th April 1956 1600, headed "Secret. Decypher yourself" Navy '6' cypher.

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched: 3rd April Time: 22.55 Received: 4th April Time: 0900

PRIORITY.

No. 47. RESTRICTED. Following from Vile begins.

An announcement will be made from Buckingham Palace 1800 hours on April 5th repeat April 5th giving itinerary of visit of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh to open the Olympic Games in Australia. After leaving Australia he will visit New Zealand and will sail in Royal Yacht "Britannia" from Christchurch on December 17th. The announcement then says:-

"The Royal Yacht will then return to the United Kingdom through the South Pacific calling at Chatham Island on December 18th and South Atlantic calling at Deception Island (South Shetlands) December 31st to January 2nd the Falkland Islands January 4th to January 5th South Georgia January 8th Gough Island January 13th Tristan da Cunha January 14th St. Helena January 19th to January 20th and Ascension Island January 22nd. These latter dates will depend to a certain extent on weather and are therefore only approximate.

His Royal Highness expects to arrive in the United Kingdom about January 30th".

2. You have of course authority to tell leading Unofficials of visit. Ends.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

G.T.C.  
DRM

See 1. See 2.

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From The Governor's Deputy.

To His Excellency the Governor, "Shackleton"

Despatched : 4th April 19 56 Time : 1400

Received : 19 Time :

PRIORITY.

See 1  
RESTRICTED. My immediately preceding telegram regarding Royal Visit. Following from Vile begins.

See 2  
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Gough Island January 13th

Tristan da Cunha January 14th

St. Helena January 19th to January 20th and

Ascension Island January 22nd.

These latter dates will depend to a certain extent on weather and are therefore only approximate.

His Royal Highness expects to arrive in the United Kingdom about January 30th".

2. You have of course authority to tell leading Unofficials of visit. Ends.

2. Intend informing, confidentially, Unofficial members of Executive and Legislative Councils in Stanley on morning of 5th April.

GOVERNOR'S DEPUTY.

G.T.C.

DRM



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P U B L I C    N O T I C E

It is hereby notified that His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh proposes to visit the Falkland Islands and Dependencies on his way back from opening the Olympic Games in Australia. His Royal Highness who will be travelling in the Royal Yacht "Britannia", expects to arrive at Deception Island on 31st December, 1956, and sail for the Falkland Islands on 2nd January, 1957, arriving at Stanley on 4th January, departing for South Georgia on 5th January and spending the 3th January at South Georgia.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

5th April, 1956.

JA/VM

For file when  
it is made

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

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Number

Office of Origin

Words

Handed in at

Date

BY

5/4/56

To

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE, SOUTH GEORGIA

H.O.A/C

NO. 60.

AN ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE FROM BUCKINGHAM PALACE

AT 1000 HOURS LAST MORNING TO REPORT THAT THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH  
PROPOSES TO VISIT THE FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES ON HIS  
WAY BACK FROM THE OLYMPIC GAMES IN AUSTRALIA STOP HIM WHO WILL  
BE TRAVELLING ON THE ROYAL YACHT BRITANNIA EXPECTS TO ARRIVE AT  
DECEPTION ISLAND ON 31ST DECEMBER 1956 STANLEY ON 4TH JANUARY  
1957 AND SOUTH OF KEA ON MORNING OF 8TH JANUARY AND LEAVE THAT  
AFTERNOON.

SECRETARY

CONFIRMATORY COPY.

PHD. W/T STATION 16.35/5TH.

INTD) DMR

5/4/56

DM/IR

See  
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DECODE.

No.1.

TELEGRAM.

From GOVERNOR, "SEACKLETON"

To GOVERNOR'S DEPUTY

Despatched : 7th April, 19 56 Time:1215

Received : 7th April, 19 56 Time:0945

IMMEDIATE.

Please telegraph Vile asking him if he can arrange for Denton-Thompson before leaving United Kingdom to see Duke of Edinburgh's staff and get as much information as possible about Royal visit Falklands and Dependencies with view to preparing programme.

GOVERNOR

*See -1*

P/L:IMR

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched : 7/4/56

Time : 0.00

Received : . . . . . Time : . . . . .

No. 61. Following for Vile from Governor begins:-  
Grateful if you can arrange for Denton-Thompson  
before leaving United Kingdom to see Duke of Edinburgh's  
staff and get as much information as possible about  
Royal visit Falklands and Dependencies with view to  
preparing programme. Ends.

GOVERNOR'S DEPUTY

See 6  
Reply at 8

P/L:JB/VM  
TYPED:IR



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No.16.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched : 10.4.56

Time : 0015

Received : 10.4.56 Time : 1215

No.50. Following from Vile begins:-

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Your telegram No.61. Denton-Thompson will  
see Private Secretary to Duke of Edinburgh next  
week. Ends.

VILE.

P.A.

Will you pl. let H.E. see & return file  
to Secretariat.

(INTLD) J.B.

10/4

P/L:IMR

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 11/4/56

Time: 1600

Received: . . . . Time: . . . .

No.65. The announcement of the Duke of Edinburgh's proposed visit to the Falklands has been received with great delight locally. At opening of new Legislature motion will probably be proposed expressing these sentiments officially, In the meantime could you please inform H.R.H. of the very great pleasure the announcement has caused.

GOVERNOR

P/L:ORA/IMR

14th April 1956

We were all delighted to hear that H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh proposes to visit the Colony and Dependencies at the end of this year. Denton-Thompson, my Colonial Secretary, is in London and I telegraphed him asking him to get in touch with you before he returns. He is due back at the end of this month and when I have spoken to him we shall be in a position to prepare a draft programme.

I do hope His Royal Highness will be able to visit some other part of the Antarctic as well as Deception, where I see he proposes to spend two full days. Deception is of the most depressing of our Bases, being built on the ruins of an old whaling station. When the snow melts the whole place looks like a refuse dump on a slag heap. I presume it was chosen as being the Head Quarters of the Air Survey and indeed, if the weather is suitable, His Royal Highness could see a lot of the Antarctic from the air.

If ice permits, and we could keep ourselves informed about this by the R.R.S. "John Biscoe", it would be very little out of your way to approach Deception by a route passing south of Anvers Island and then up the Gerlache Strait. If this was done it would be easy for H.R.H. to visit by helicopter our Bases at the Argentine Islands, Anvers Island, Port Lockroy and the new one off the Danco Coast.

/Our biggest...

Lt.-Comdr. Michael Parker, M.V.O., R.N.,  
Buckingham Palace,  
LONDON, S.W.1.

11/5

Our biggest scientific base is at the Argentine Islands, and our ionospheric machine at Port Lockroy, and I think M.R.H. might well find the work we are doing highly interesting. The area is, of course, well known to our ships and I could arrange for R.R.S. "John Biscoe" to lead you through until you are in clear water again on the way to Deception. I shall probably include some proposal of this sort when submitting a draft programme.

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14264 - rde 17/6/12

I enclose a copy of a Despatch which I have written giving a review of what has been happening recently in the Colony and Dependencies which might provide you with background information.

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Guild of Spinners, Weavers and Dyers,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.  
South Atlantic.

16th April, 1956.

Your Excellency,

At the last Guild meeting it was decided that we wished to present a gift of our own work to His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh on the occasion of his visit to the Colony next year.

As President of the Guild I am writing to ask Your Excellency's permission for such a gift to be presented.

It will take the form of a white polo neck pullover knitted in our own homespun wool from the finest fleece we can obtain.

We would consider it a very great honour to be allowed to do this and hope that Your Excellency will approve.

I am,

Your Excellency's obedient servant,

*H. F. Creese*

President.

*Reply at 18*

His Excellency O.R. Arthur, C.M.G., C.V.O.,  
Government House,  
Stanley.

*Cs. We shall have a lot of this sort  
of thing. Please file this & by next time  
the visit is being considered & send acknowledgment  
DRA 287*

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Number

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Handed in at

Date

PSY

19/4/56

To

HENRY WESLEY

CHAIRMAN TRADE DEVELOPMENT BOARD,  
BERMUDA

HOA/C

HAVE YOU ANY DECORATIONS LEFT OVER FROM ROYAL VISIT  
BERMUDA WHICH WE COULD BUY OR RISE FOR DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S  
VISIT AND COULD BE SHIPPED HERE BY H.M.S. PROTECTOR EARLY  
NEXT MONTH IF DECORATIONS REQUIRED WOULD BE SUCH THINGS  
AS FLOWING PLACES ETC ETC AND STOP HERE WE GO AGAIN STOP  
REGARDS..

ANTHONY

JB/12



Extract from the Minutes of a Joint Meeting of  
Executive and Legislative Council  
held 21st April, 1956.

1765. 1. Visit of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh.

It was decided to request the Sports Association to arrange a Joint Sports Meeting in Stanley on 2nd and 3rd January, 1957, with a view to reserving some of the important races till the 4th January.

It was agreed that the Sheep Owners' Association should be asked to organise an exhibition of sheep from the various stations together with other items which it was considered might be of interest to His Royal Highness.

It was agreed that the 3 first dogs in the Championships to be held during the winter should be asked to give a demonstration for His Royal Highness.

It was further agreed that other minor exhibitions such as Spinners and weavers, peat cutting and like should be held.

There would be an Official Dinner in Government House to which Members of Executive Council and wives would be invited and after Dinner His Royal Highness should be asked to give away some of the more important Race Meeting prizes in the Town Hall prior to the commencement of the dance.

It was agreed that on the second day the programme should include rifle shooting, boat race, visits to the Hospital, School, Meteorological Station, a flight and a tree planting ceremony.

It was agreed that a Committee should be appointed to work out the details and to make suggestions for a permanent memorial of the Duke's visit. The Committee to be composed of the Colonial Secretary (Chairman), Mr. S. Trees, M.V.O., Hon. Mr. A. G. Barton, C.B.E., J.P., and Hon. Mr. H. C. Harding, J.

*W. R. Morrison*

Acting Clerk of Councils.

## GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	PSY			25/1/56
To	ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, SOUTH GEORGIA			NOA/C

NO.67. GOVERNOR WOULD LIKE YOU TO SUBMIT DRAFT PROGRAMME FOR HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS'S SOUTH GEORGIA VISIT ASSUMING HE WILL ARRIVE AT 0900 AND DEPART IN AFTERNOON STOP PROGRAMME SHOULD INCLUDE PRESENTATION OF M.B.E. TO KRISTOFFERSEN STOP IF POSSIBLE PLEASE REPLY BY BISCOE (NOW REMAINED PRESENT) TO CONTACT WITZCOY LEAVING MONTEVIDEO 15TH MAY STOP FAILING THIS REPLY BY TELEGRAPH.

SECRETARY

KIV 13

1765

24th April,

56.

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that at a joint Meeting of the Executive and Legislative Councils held on 21st April, 1956, it was decided to invite the West Falkland Sports Association and the Darwin Sports Association to co-operate in a joint Sports Meeting to be held in Stanley on 2nd and 3rd January, 1957, preparatory to the Duke of Edinburgh's visit on 4th and 5th January, 1957.

2. It was proposed that the major events should be reserved for the 4th January and also that the winners of the first three places in the Sheep Dogs Championship Trials to be held during the winter should be asked to give a demonstration for His Royal Highness.

3. The matter is urgent since the programme for His Royal Highness's visit must be prepared by the end of June and I am accordingly directed to request an early reply indicating whether your Association would be prepared to co-operate.

4. S.S. "Fitzroy" and R.N.S. "Sheekleton" will be available to bring people to Stanley for the occasion and as many voyages as possible will be made by these ships for this purpose.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) J. Round

ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Reply at 19

Chairman,  
Darwin Harbour Sports Association,Chairman,  
West Falkland Sports Association,  
WEST FALKLAND.

Reply at 24

Copies to: Stanley Sports Association.  
Manager, Falkland Islands Company.  
Secretary, Falkland Is.

24th April, 56.

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that at a Joint Meeting of the Executive and Legislative Councils held on 21st April, 1956, it was decided to ask the Sheep Owners' Association to organise an exhibition of livestock from the various stations together with other items which might be of interest to His Royal Highness.

2. It was also proposed that the winners of the first three places in the Sheep Dogs Championship Trials to be held during the winter should be asked to give a demonstration for His Royal Highness.

3. I am therefore directed to seek your views on the above suggestions at an early date since the programme for His Royal Highness's visit must be prepared by the end of June.

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4. I enclose a copy of a letter addressed to the West Falkland Sports Association and the Darwin Harbour Sports Association regarding the possibility of holding a Joint Sports Meeting in Stanley as discussed with you by His Excellency.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Reply at 22  
The Chairman,  
Sheep Owners' Association,  
JB/VM STANLEY.

See 24  
(350) J. Board  
KIV 13.  
ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY.

1765

26th April,

56.

Madam,

11A

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 16th April, 1956, regarding the presentation of a gift to His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh and to inform you that your request will receive due consideration when the programme for His Royal Highness' visit is being drawn up.

I am,

Madam,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) D. R. Morrison

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Mrs. M.F. Creece,  
President,

JB/VH Guild of Spinners, Weavers and Dyers,  
STANLEY.

# The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

(INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1851.)

REGISTERED 1902.

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TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" RADIO.

*Stanley.*

26th April

19 56



The Hon. Acting Colonial Secretary,  
STANLEY.

Sir,

We have for acknowledgment your Circular No. 1765 dealing with the Royal Visit early 1957.

2. It is possible that we may have completed loading the 1st Charter by December 31st 1956 and this vessel would then be available for a daylight voyage from Darwin to Stanley, but not for the return voyage. We would have to despatch her to United Kingdom on or before the 2nd January.

3. We have notified our Head Office that the availability of s.s. "FITZROY" for coastwise voyages early January is desirable and await confirmation that this can be arranged.

4. Please refer to our Itinerary dated 28th February 1956 for the second half of 1956. Voyage Y21 allows for 10 days docking in Montevideo. Head Office informs that the vessel will not dock until after arrival in United Kingdom, therefore we propose to amend Y21 onwards as follows subject to your approval and confirmation from London:-

Y 21	-	COASTWISE	Nov 15 - 20	
Y 22	-	Dep: STANLEY	" 21	
		Arr: MONTEVIDEO	" 26	Home "ANDES" 4/12
		Dep: "	" 29	Out "ANDES" 29/11
		Arr: STANLEY	Dec 4	

N.B.

s.s. "FITZROY" will now have completed 11 voyages to and from Montevideo in 1956, i.e. one in excess of Mail Contract requirements.

Y 23 - COASTWISE (as required)

5. His Excellency has intimated that there might be Press representatives anxious to arrive here before the Royal Visit but we cannot foresee any inducement to make a 12th voyage to Montevideo in December which would in effect lengthen very considerably the period for loading our 1st Charter with Produce.

6. Assuming that s.s. "FITZROY" is employed throughout December coastwise, feeding Produce to 1st Charter we would endeavour to ship West Falkland Race Horses from Fox Bay and/or Port Howard to Port San Carlos before Christmas rather than land them in Stanley a matter of hours before the Race Meeting.

7. We suggest the following voyages for passengers, bearing

/ in mind



Royal Visit 1957 (contd)

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in mind that Farm Managers will be loath to knock their men off work until Saturday 29th December:-

Arrive:	s.s. "FITZROY"	R.R.S. "SHACKLETON"	CHARTER	m.v. "PHILOMEL"
30th Dec a.m.	Pt. Stephens	Hill Cove ?		
2 Jan p.m.	Fox Bay ✓ ( <del>Port Stephens</del> )	Pebble Is and Purvis (for Port Howard)		
31st Dec a.m.	Speedwell Is	San Carlos or Port San Carlos		
3 Jan p.m.	(North Arm)	Salvador Waters (one port only)	Darwin	
1st Jan a.m.	Stanley	Stanley	Stanley	Berkeley Sound
p.m.				Stanley
6th Jan a.m.	Darwin	Salvador Waters		
p.m.	North Arm	San Carlos (at Port San Carlos)		
7th Jan a.m.	Speedwell Is, Fox Bay ✓	Port Howard, Pebble Island		Berkeley Sound.
p.m.	Pt. Stephens	Hill Cove ?		

8. You will recall that on the occasions of the Centenary Meeting in 1933, Stock Show 1939 and Victory Meeting 1947 two vessels or more were employed, and to the best of our recollection single fare was charged for the return journey.

There was no Air Service in those days and it is abundantly clear that if both Beaver Aircraft are operating next January all passengers from West Falkland wishing to come to Stanley might, in favourable weather make the return journey without recourse to sea transport at all. Time and weather are the limiting factors however and to make certain that no would-be visitor is disappointed the vessels aforesaid must be at the ports mentioned, on that date, regardless of aircraft movements.

9. The foregoing paragraph indicates that a subsidy or guaranteed operating expenses will be required and we shall be glad to have your comments in due course.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

*A. E. Darwin*  
COLONIAL MANAGER.

See 61-62.

Y.E.

J. i. at this stage, p2

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Stanley,

3rd May, 1956.

The Honourable,  
The Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley.

Sir,

I am directed by the Stanley Town Council to enquire if Council can be informed of any plans for the visit of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh to the Colony which may be in the process of formulation.

I am to express the hope that Council will be represented on any Committee which may be set up to make arrangements in connection with this Royal visit.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

  
Town Clerk.

*File only 11*  
*4/17*  
*7/5*

*Reply at 23*

Stanley.

2nd May 1936.

16 Sir,

With reference to your letter dated 24th April addressed to The Chairman, Sheep Owners' Association, I have discussed the proposals you mentioned with Mr Barton and Mr Gilruth and we came to the following conclusions:-

2. Each station where a ship is calling to bring people into Stanley might be asked to send in either five rough or five shorn mutton wethers to be placed on exhibition, and afterwards disposed of to the butchery, thus avoiding reshipping or driving back to the various stations whence they came. As these are the type of sheep which would be sent to a freezer if another was ever built in the Colony, it is thought they would be of the most interest to His Royal Highness.

3. Each station should be asked to send in two or more fleeces of wool of a particular type so that all classes of wool grown in the Colony could be exhibited.

4. Two horses to be placed on show, one saddled with a good set of Falkland Island working gear and 'Falkland Island' saddle, and the other with working gear and 'bastos'.

5. A milking cow with calf at foot might be exhibited.

6. Perhaps at one end of the 'wool table' there could be some wild bird's eggs (edible) exhibited, say six each of Mollymauk, Gentoo, and Jackass.

7. The winners of the first three places in the Sheep Dogs Championship Trials to be held during the winter should be asked to give a demonstration for His Royal Highness.

8. If the people from the West Falklands do not come to Stanley I think the following proposals should be considered:-

(a) His Royal Highness might be approached with a view to the Britannic spending about another half day in the Colony and proceeding to a Sound port, possibly Port Howard, either before or after visiting Stanley so as to enable His Royal Highness to see a Falkland Island sheep farm under working conditions.

(b) Alternately, weather permitting, His Royal Highness proceed by air to a West Falkland Sound port direct from Stanley.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

H. C. Harrell

The Honourable,  
The Colonial Secretary.

1765

9th May,

56.

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Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter of 3rd May, 1956, in connexion with the forthcoming visit of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh to the Falkland Islands.

2. A special sub-Committee of Executive Council has been appointed by the Governor-in-Council to consider the arrangements that should be made in connexion with the visit and to advise His Excellency with regard to the programme that should be submitted for His Royal Highness' approval. The sub-Committee consists of:-

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary (Chairman)  
Mr. S.G. Trees, M.V.O.  
Hon. Mr. A.G. Barton, C.B.E., J.P.  
Hon. Mr. H.C. Harding, J.P.

3. It is fully appreciated that the Town Council is closely concerned and consequently the Council will be kept informed of arrangements under consideration and will be fully consulted with regard to appropriate matters within its special sphere.

I am,

Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) A.G. Denton-Thompson

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

The Town Clerk,  
Stanley Town Council,  
STANLEY.

ADT/VM

Roy Cove,  
Falkland Islands.

The Hon.,  
The Colonial Secretary,  
STANLEY.



May 5th 1956.

Sir,

15 I have to acknowledge your letter of 24th April addressed to the Chairman of The West Falkland Sports Association. As the Hon. Secretary, I am replying to your letter as we have no permanent chairman, only during an Actual Sports Meeting, when the Manager of the 'host' farm is the chairman.

With regard to the proposed joint Sports Meeting to be held in Stanley on 2nd and 3rd January 1957, I have made inquiries by telephone to all mainland farms. I also spoke per R/T to the manager on Pebble. Generally speaking the position is exactly as I anticipated and which I told to His Excellency at the joint Meeting of Executive and Legislative Councils on April 21st.

Very few people on the West are interested in a joint meeting, they much prefer to have their own in late February. Some people, but not many, would like to see the Duke of Edinburgh during his visit to the Colony on Jan. 4th & 5th.

If such a visit is possible to take them in say on the 3rd and return them on the night of 5th/6th, there would possibly be some who would make the journey, but these few people feel the time is rather far ahead for them to say definitely until they know what the programme will be.

With regard to transport your 4th paragraph is not quite correct. Whilst His Excellency told us that the R.R.S. "Shackleton" would be made available, Mr Barton distinctly said that the "Fitzroy" could be made available if that vessel were in the Colony but he was not able to make any definite assurance during the joint Council Meeting.

If it could be made possible for the Royal Yacht to call on the West for a few hours on her voyage from Deception Island it would serve the double purpose of enabling West people to see the Duke and the ship, and for the Duke to see something of camp life.

I am sorry to sound such a pessimistic note, but from past experience of Joint Meetings I knew it would not be popular with the majority of Westers; also such a joint meeting, including the time taken for transport of horses and personnel, would involve from 7 to ten days right in the middle of shearing and it would also preclude any West Sports Meeting because farms could not afford the double holiday in the midst of a busy season.

Yours faithfully,

*John Martin*

Hon. Secretary,  
W.F. Sports Association.

*Signed as file*  
*2-8-57*  
*10/5*

## GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	
19	BERMUDA etat	18	1601	25.4.56

To

O R ARTHUR GOVERNOR STANLEY

NOW CHECKING GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS RE DECORATIONS WILL ADVISE  
SOONEST

W J WILLIAMS

TRADE

Time 3JS/



## GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	
74	BERMUDA etat	20	1158	11.5.56

To

O R ARTHUR GOVERNOR F.I.

REGRET ALL DECORATIONS LOST IN FIRE NOTHING OF ANY CONSEQUENCE ON  
HAND REGARDS

WILLIAMS

TRADE

Time  
SJS/L

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed In at	Date
	PSY			15.5.56
To	BISHOP D.I. EVANS, DIOCESAN OFFICE, 25 DE MAYO 282, BUENOS AIRES.			H.O. A/C

I AM MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS'S VISIT TO FALKLAND ISLANDS ON 4TH AND 5TH JANUARY AND IT IS NECESSARY TO SUBMIT PLANS VERY SOON STOP I SHOULD BE GLAD TO KNOW IF WE CAN EXPECT TO HAVE THE PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY AT THAT TIME STOP

GOVERNOR

Time

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TELEGRAM.

From ..... GOVERNOR.

To ..... Commander-in-Chief, America & West Indies Station.

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Despatched : 15th May 1956 19 Time : 1600

Received : : 19 Time : :

SECRET.

Am making plans for the Duke of Edinburgh's visit  
4th - 5th January. Plans must be submitted by mail early  
June for his approval. Could you let me know if we are  
likely to have the pleasure of your company here during  
the visit and if so what ship will you be in.

Navy '25' : PT.

KIV 19, 24

# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE.

13th April, 1956.

*Sam L. Llaney*

You will have heard through the Colonial Office that The Duke of Edinburgh is hoping to visit Deception Island, the Falkland Islands and South Georgia in H.M. Yacht BRITANNIA in the course of his return journey to the United Kingdom after his visit to Australia for the Olympic Games.

His Royal Highness hopes to arrive at these places on the following dates:

Monday, 31st December

p.m. Arrive Deception Island.

Wednesday, 2nd January

a.m. Depart Deception Island.

Friday, 4th January

a.m. Arrive Falkland Islands.

Saturday, 5th January

p.m. Depart Falkland Islands.

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Tuesday, 8th January

a.m. Arrive South Georgia

p.m. Depart South Georgia.

I should be most grateful if you would send me your suggestions for a programme at each of these islands based on, as far as is applicable, how and where people live, work and play. These I can place before The Duke of Edinburgh for his approval. The primary object is for His Royal Highness to meet as many people as possible, but BRITANNIA would be available for entertainment wherever you thought it would do most good. The numbers that we can cater for are as follows: Cocktail Party - 250: Lunch or Dinner Party - 30.

I shall be seeing your Colonial Secretary here in the course of the next few days to have a preliminary talk, and you may like to withhold your suggestions until he returns to you.

It would be great fun to meet you again after the fleeting visit we had at Bermuda, and I can only say that all of us are looking forward to this trip very much indeed.

*Yours sincerely*  
*Milne Tinker*

His Excellency  
Mr. O.R. Arthur, CMG, CVO.



Y.E./

1. You will presumably wish to amend the draft to take the form of a reply to J.31.

2. We have included the cocktail party (no number as yet specified) in the draft programme.

3. Will you be taking home S.G. programmes? I suggest that might be done and discussed at the same time as the hour programme.

While Parker's letter does say that H.R.H. hopes to arrive at the various places on certain dates - I feel pretty certain that a revised programme that makes it a bit more interesting for H.R.H. will be well received.

R.G.M.  
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Government House,  
Port Stanley,  
Falkland Islands.

30th May 1956

My dear Parker,

Many thanks for your letter of the 13th April. 31  
I enclose for consideration a draft programme for the  
Duke of Edinburgh's visit to the Falklands on the 4th  
and 5th January.

I am coming home myself for a short time arriving  
about the 23rd July and leaving about the 15th September,  
the chief object of my visit being to complete the  
arrangements for the Duke of Edinburgh's visit, the main  
difficulty being the Dependencies. I have no idea what  
the Admiralty are intending by way of an escort, nor  
whether the Commander-in-Chief himself intends to come  
South. If he does so, and his flagship is a cruiser,  
it will mean that the cruiser will have to stay north  
of latitude 60° and the Admiral will have to shift his  
flag to H.M.S. Protector if we are not to infringe the  
terms of a Tripartite Naval Declaration which has been  
made by ourselves, Argentina and Chile. Nor do I know  
if H.M.S. Protector can maintain a helicopter to the  
standard required for the Duke of Edinburgh.

There is also the question of what we shall do  
if the Argentines or Chileans interfere. I daresay you  
know that the Argentine Minister of Marine visited what  
they are pleased to call "Antartica Argentina" in March  
1954, and we sent a frigate to meet him, greet him on the  
limit of territorial waters with a salute, and offer him  
hospitality and courtesy. He was furious, and told the  
frigate to go away which the frigate refused to do but  
followed him around and finally escorted him to the limits  
of territorial waters where they again fired a valedictory  
salute. I believe that Minister of Marine is now in  
prison, but it may well be that Argentine and Chilean  
vessels will be told to try to offer His Royal Highness  
welcome and hospitality in the same way, and we must make  
up our mind how best this can be forestalled and what to  
do if it happens.

I am working out a number of alternative plans  
for the Dependencies including South Georgia and I think  
the best thing will be for me to bring them home with me  
and come and see you about the whole programme as soon as  
possible after I arrive, since I presume you will all be  
going to Scotland early in August. The proposals I shall  
submit for the Antarctic will include visits to other  
Bases besides Deception and I think will make a really  
interesting and certainly unique trip for His Royal Highness,

/even if .....

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Buckingham Palace,  
LONDON, S.W.1.

even if it turns out that there will be no helicopter fit for his use. I only hope the proposals will find favour with him, and that in considering them he will understand that in the Antarctic one is never certain of being able to do anything at the time one wishes. I once lay a week at Hope Bay unable to leave the ship because during that week the wind speed never fell below 90 knots.

His Royal Highness's visit here is the only topic of conversation, having ousted the usual ones, sheep horses and dogs, dogs sheep and horses, and horses sheep and dogs. Everyone is overjoyed that he has been pleased to include us in his itinerary and is much looking forward to the visit.

Yours sincerely,

Raynor Arthur.

VISIT OF H.M.S. THE HUNTER OF EDINBURGH.

DRAFT PROGRAM

Tuesday, 4th January 1937

<u>No.</u>	<u>Time.</u>	<u>Arrangements.</u>	<u>Notes.</u>
1.	9.0.a.m.	Arrive Public Jetty. Members of Executive Council, Legislative Council, Heads of Churches and wives presented. National Anthem. Inspect Guard of Honour mounted by Royal Navy, Royal Marines and Falkland Islands Defence Force.	Falkland Islands Defence Force to fire salute as H.M. Yacht Britannia drops anchor in harbour at 8.0.a.m. H.M. will arrive from Dependencies and stop ashore with H.M.S., followed by personal staff. Colonial Secretary and A.D.C. at top of landing steps. Standard broken. Honourable Colonial Secretary, after presentation, takes up position in place to which these persons presented will proceed. Inspection area to be roped off. "Pens" to be provided for photographers on jetty and at inspection area. "Alert" to go alongside H.M. Yacht Britannia as soon as anchor is dropped and bring off valet. "Alert" proceeds straight to Government Jetty where car will be waiting to take valet to Government House. Valet must arrive at Government House before 9.15.a.m. H.M.S. Protector to land Royal Navy and Royal Marine Guard of Honour not later than 8.30.a.m.

*Notes amended.*

2. 9.12.a.m. Walk with H.M., followed by Squerry and A.D.C., past Boys' Brigade and Girls' Life Brigade on parade on both sides of Rose Road and through ranks of school children lined up three or four deep. (approximately 100 yards).

3. 9.15.a.m. Enter motor car. Drive to Government House.

4. 9.17.a.m. Arrive Government House.

5. 9.43.a.m. Depart Government House. Drive to Council Chamber.

Ropes placed on each side of road in front of school children. Police and Special Constables at intervals along route to be taken on foot. General Public behind school children.

Royal Car to be preceded by Police car. Second car to carry Squerry and A.D.C. Rose Road to Government House closed to all traffic except official vehicles between 8.30. and 9.30.a.m. P.M. personnel to be on duty at intersections to prevent traffic entering Rose Road. A third car, parked in Crozier Place, to be ready to take G. in C. (if here) and the Captains of the Royal Yacht and H.M.S. Protector to Council Chamber. They will come ashore at 9.20.a.m. Members of Executive and Legislative Councils and wives proceed straight to Council Chamber.

H.M.S. Standard to be broken on arrival.

Rose Road between G.H. entrance and Ship Hotel to be closed to all traffic except official cars between 9.30. a.m. and 10.15.a.m.

Entrance to Town Hall to be kept clear with ropes in place.

Police car precedes Royal car. Second car carries Squerry and A.D.C.

6. 9.45.a.m. Arrive Council Chamber. Mount this followed by H.R. Senior Elected Member presents Address of Welcome to which H.R.H. replies.

7. 10.0.a.m. Depart Council Chamber for Government House.

8. 10.02.a.m. Arrive Government House. Into casual clothes. Refreshments.

9. 10.50.a.m. Depart Government House for Racecourse.

Standard to be broken on arrival. Centre of dais to be raised. H.R. sits on lower portion of dais, slightly behind and to right of H.R.H., Biquerry behind and to left of H.R.H. Limited number of spectators by invitation. Members of Council (Legislative) and all guests to remain standing throughout ceremony. Chamber to be wired for sound. Address and reply to be relayed outside.

Ross Road open to traffic after 10.15. (but see note at 9)

Police car precedes Royal and second cars.

Ross Road between Government House entrance and Racecourse to be closed except to official cars from 10.35. until 11.00.a.m.

Cars already at Racecourse to be parked so that Royal cars have unrestricted approach to Royal Enclosure. Police car will precede Biquerry and A.R.C. in second car. Sgt. Morris responsible for parking arrangements.

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- 10.54.a.m. Arrive Racecourse and enter Royal Enclosure.  
Chairman of Joint Sports Association presented.  
Chairman presents Committee members.
11. 11.0.a.m. Three or four of the best races held over from the Sports Meeting, e.g. Governor's Cup, Ladies Race, P.T. Race, Troop Race and a Cyndham event.
12. 12.10.p.m. Depart Racecourse for Government House.
13. 12.14.p.m. Arrive Government House. Leisure.
14. 1.0.p.m. Lunch at Government House.
15. 2.30.p.m. Depart Government House for K.R.H. Hospital.

Invitations to Royal Enclosure to issue from Joint Association (scheme submitted to H.R. for approval). Chairman of Sports Association to be responsible for casual presentations during races. Breakfast Standard on arrival.

Refreshment tent or room at rear of Royal Enclosure for use by invited guests. Three or four persons to be appointed to ensure that H.R.H. has ample freedom of movement.

Royal cars to be preceded by Police car. Road from Racecourse to Government House closed from 11.55.a.m. to 12.15.p.m.

Guests - Committee of Joint Sports Association and wives but limited to 11. Also Uruguayan Vice Consul and A.D.C.

Police car precedes. Ross Road between Government House entrance and West Store closed to traffic from 2.15. to 3.10.p.m. Reservoir Road north of St. Mary's Walk closed from 2.15. to 3.50.p.m. Williams Street closed from 2.15. to 3.10.p.m.

16. 2.32.p.m. Arrive K.R.M. Hospital. Met by Senior Medical Officer.  
Tour ward.

Care will turn and face north when K.R.M. is inside Hospital.  
Standard to be broken on arrival.

17. 2.47.p.m. Depart K.R.M. Hospital. Drive to Infants' School.

Route via Reservoir Road, Ross Road and Villers Street.

18. 2.49.p.m. Arrive Infants' School. Met by Superintendent of  
Education. Tour school.

Standard to be broken on arrival. Infants in classrooms.  
Children from Senior School drawn up in playground. Hopes  
from entrance to playground and school building. Cars turn  
and face north when K.R.M. is in school.

19. 3.04.p.m. Depart Infants' School for Sappers Hill.

Route via Villers Street, Ross Road and Reservoir Road.

20. 3.10.p.m. Arrive Sappers Hill. See post cutting.  
Walk to rifle range and see last few minutes of  
shoot between Galaxy's Binley Team and a team from  
Royal Navy or Royal Marines.

Standard to be broken on arrival. Sappers Hill Road to be  
closed between 3.0. and 3.50.p.m.

21. 3.40.p.m. Depart Sappers Hill for Government House.

Route via Reservoir Road.

22. 3.46.p.m. Arrive Government House. Tea.

23. 4.45.p.m. Depart Government House for Gymnasium.

Police car proceeds. Ross Road between Government House and  
Villers Street closed between 4.40. and 4.55.p.m. and between  
5.40. and 6.0.p.m.



24. 4.47.p.m. Arrive Gymnasium. Inspect wool, gear, etc. and see work by Spinners, Weavers and Dyers.

Wool classes not out on tables. Farm managers and head shepherds on hand to explain various types. Arrangements made by S.O.A. Arrangements for S.E. & D. work by committee. No gifts to be offered. Admission by invitation issued by S.O.A. Great Standard on arrival.

25. 5.47.p.m. Depart Gymnasium for Government House.

26. 5.49.p.m. Arrive Government House. Leisure.

27. 8.0.p.m. Official dinner.

Guests - Members of Ex. Co. and wives (13), G. in C., Quarry (or Private Secretary), Bishop ?

28. 10.20.p.m. Depart Government House for Town Hall.

Dinner guests will leave Government House at 9.40.p.m., proceed to Town Hall and take places on stage. Doors of Town Hall to be closed from 9.55. until departure of H.P.H. Run at eastern end of Town Hall to be cleared. Main Road between Government House and Villiers Street closed to traffic between 9.45. and 11.0.p.m. No parking especially in vicinity of Town Hall and Gymnasium. Police car proceeds.

29. 10.12.p.m. Arrive Town Hall.

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Dinner guests, members of Legislative Council, Town Council, committee of Sheep Owners Association, Joint Sports Association and wives to be on stage. Chairman of Town Council and wife presented in foyer. Entry of R.N. personnel to Town Hall limited to ticket holders (small number from each ship)

30. 10.15.p.m. Present prizes to winners of major trophies at combined Sports Meeting.

Trophy winners to be "penned" as near as possible to steps leading to stage. Immediately prior to departure of R.N., R.N. will call for three cheers. Ropes down centre of Town Hall removed after departure of R.N. Dancing.

31. 10.15.p.m. Depart Town Hall for Government House.

Police car precedes.

32. 10.47.p.m. Arrive Government House.

Saturday, 5th January.

33. 9.40.a.m. Depart Government House for Public Jetty.

Road between Government House entrance and Public Jetty to be closed from 9.30. to 9.50.a.m. and from 10.40. to 11.0.a.m. Jetty closed to public. Police car precedes Royal cars. Cars will drive onto Jetty and stop at steps.

34. 9.43.a.m. Arrive Public Jetty. Embark in R.N. Launch for Beaver moored at buoy.

Bay to be laid. Beaver to be ready for immediate take-off.

35. 9.45.a.m. Flight of one hour over "Great Britain", Port Louis (first settlement), Reel Point, return via Pitouy.

36. 10.45.a.m. Return to buoy off Public Jetty. R.N. launch to Jetty. Return to Government House.

37. 10.55.a.m. Arrive Government House. Refreshments.

38. 10.15.a.m. Depart Government House for Racecourse.

39. 11.20.a.m. Arrive Racecourse. Exhibition by three sheep dogs (1st, 2nd and 3rd in Championships)

40. 12.05.p.m. Depart Racecourse. Drive to Meteorological Station.

Passengers - H.B.H. in front with pilot (Kerr). H.B. and Rogers in centre seats. Flight assistant (Campbell) in rear seat. No landings to be made en route.

Jetty closed to public. Cars to be waiting at steps. Police car precedes.

Road between Government House and Racecourse closed from 11.0.a.m. to 11.30.a.m. and from 11.55.a.m. to 12.15.p.m. Royal cars arrive to enclosure. Police car precedes.

Entry to roped-off private enclosure by invitation issued by S.O.I. First dog to be ready for immediate start. 12 minutes for each event with 3 minutes between events. Break standard on arrival.

Road between Government House, main drive and Meteorological Station to be closed between 11.35.a.m. and 1.0.p.m. (Traffic returning from Racecourse to turn into Reservoir Road. Constable on point duty at corner Ross Road and Reservoir Road). Route via Ross Road, Grosier Place, Robt Street, Davis Street. Police car precedes.

41. 12.12.p.m. Arrive Meteorological Station. Met by Senior Meteorological Officer. Tour Meteorological Station and Radio Sars Station. Weather balloon ascent.
42. 12.42.p.m. Depart Meteorological Station for Government House.
43. 12.49.p.m. Arrive Government House.
44. 1.15.p.m. Lunch Government House.
45. 2.45.p.m. Depart Government House for Water Filtration Plant.
46. 2.55.p.m. Arrive Filtration Plant.
47. 3.10.p.m. Depart Filtration Plant for Government House.
48. 3.20.p.m. Arrive Government House. Walk to Football Field.
49. 3.22.p.m. Arrive field. Match between Royal Yacht Britannia and Stanley.
50. 3.35.p.m. End of match R.Y.B. presents cup to captain of winning side. Return to Government House.

Break Standard on arrival.

Same route as 40 in reverse.

Guests - 5 P. suero and wives (chosen by S.O.A.), Chilean Consul and wife.

Road between Government House and Filtration Plant to be closed between 2.35. and 3.25. p.m. Police car precedes.

Civil Engineer present. Presented.

Royal off enclosure for Royal Party.

Vallet leaves Government House by car and embarks at Public Jetty in R.M. launch for Britannia.

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51. 3.37.p.m. Arrive Government House. Det.
52. 4.40.p.m. Depart Government House for Arch Green. Road between Government House and Public Jetty closed between 4.30. and 5.0.p.m.
53. 4.42.p.m. Arrive Arch Green. Members of Town Council and wives present. Plant tree. Hole to be dug and tree placed in it. Soil at side of hole. H.R.H. will throw a few shovelful of soil into hole. Rope off area surrounding tree.
54. 4.50.p.m. Depart Arch Green for Public Jetty (walking), via the Cathedral. Ropes on both sides of road between Arch Green and Jetty. H.R.H. will look into the Cathedral on passing.
55. 4.58.p.m. Arrive Public Jetty. Farewells. Break Standard on arrival. Members of Dr. Co., Leg. Co. and wives present.
56. 5.0.p.m. Depart in Admiral's Barge.
57. 7.0.p.m. Reception on Board H.M. Yacht Britannia. By invitation. Guests to be notified of departure time of boats.
58. 9.0.p.m. End of reception.

If too windy for flight, substitute the following for Nos: 33 to 36 inclusive.

33. 10.0.a.m. Depart Government House for Seaplane Hanger.

Road between Government House and Hanger closed between 9.50. and 10.35.a.m. Police car present.

34. 10.05.a.m. Arrive Hanger

See planes and how stretcher medical cases are carried.

35. 10.25.a.m. Depart Hanger for Government House.

36. 10.30.a.m. Arrive Government House. Refreshments.

(Remainder of programme as at Nos: 32 to 50).



2. 9.12.a.m. Walk with m.m.

VISIT OF H.M.S. THE DUK OF EDINBURGH.

DATE UNKNOWN FOR DELAYED ARRIVAL.

(Saturday and Sunday 5th and 6th January 1956)

SAVEDAY, 5th JANUARY

No.	Time	Arrangements.	Notes.
1.	9.0.a.m.	Arrive Public Jetty. Members of Executive Council, Legislative Council, heads of families and wives presented. National Anthem. Inspect Guard of Honour mounted by Royal Navy, Royal Marines and Falkland Islands Defence Force.	Falkland Islands Defence Force to fire salute as H.M. Yacht Britannia drops anchor in harbour at 9.0.a.m. H.M. will arrive from Dependencies and stop ashore with H.M.S., followed by personal staff. Colonial Secretary and A.P.C. at top of landing steps. Standard broken. Hon. Colonial Secretary after presentation takes up position in place to which those persons presented will proceed. Inspection area to be roped off. "Vans" to be provided for photographers on jetty and at inspection area. "Alert" to go alongside H.M. Yacht Britannia as soon as anchor is dropped and bring off valet. "Alert" proceeds straight to Government Jetty where car will be waiting to take valet to Government House. Valet must arrive at Government House before 9.15.a.m. H.M.S. Protector to land Royal Navy and Royal Marine Guard of Honour not later than 8.30.a.m.

2. 9.12.a.m. Walk with H.B., followed by Squerry and A.D.C. past Boys' Brigade and Girls' Life Brigade on parade on both sides of Ross Road and through ranks of school children lined up three or four deep. (approximately 100 yards).

3. 9.15.a.m. Enter motor car. Drive to Government House.

4. 9.17.a.m. Arrive Government House.

5. 9.43.a.m. Depart Government House. Drive to Council Chamber.

Ropes placed on each side of road in front of school children. Police and Special Constables at intervals along route to be taken on foot. General Public behind school children.

Royal car to be preceded by Police car. Second car to carry Squerry and A.D.C. Ross Road to Government House closed to all traffic except official vehicles between 9.30.a.m. and 9.50.a.m. Royal Navy personnel to be on duty at intersections to prevent traffic entering Ross Road. A third car, parked in Cruiser Place, to be ready to take G. in G. (if here) and the Captains of the Royal Yacht and H.M.S. Protector to Council Chamber. They will come ashore at 9.25.a.m.

Members of Executive and Legislative Councils and wives proceed straight to Council Chamber.

H.B.'s Standard to be broken on arrival.

Ross Road between Government House entrance and Ship Hotel to be closed to all traffic except official cars between 9.50.a.m. and 10.15.a.m. Entrance to Town Hall to be kept clear with ropes in place. Police car precedes Royal car. Second car carried Squerry and A.D.C.



6. 9.15.a.m. Arrive Council Chamber. Hunt dais followed by H.M. Senior Elected Member presents Address of Welcome to which H.M.H. replies.

7. 10.0.a.m. Depart Council Chamber for Government House.

8. 10.02.a.m. Arrive Government House. Into casual clothes. Refreshments.

9. 10.50.a.m. Depart Government House for Racecourse.

Standard to be broken on arrival. Centre of dais to be raised. H.M. sits on lower portion of dais, slightly behind and to right of H.M.H. Squerry behind and to left of H.M.H. Limited number of spectators by invitation. Members of Council (Legislative) and all guests to remain standing throughout ceremony. Chamber to be wired for sound. Address and reply to be relayed outside.

Ross Road open to traffic after 10.15. (but see note at 9). Police car precedes Royal and second car.

Ross Road between Government House entrance and Racecourse to be closed except to official cars from 10.35.a.m. to 11.0.a.m. Cars already at Racecourse to be parked so that Royal cars have unrestricted approach to Royal Enclosure. Police car will precede. Squerry and A.S.G. in second car. Sgt. Norris responsible for parking arrangements.

10. 10.54.a.m. Arrive Racecourse and enter Royal Enclosure.  
Chairman of Joint Sports Association presented.  
Chairman presents Committee members.

11. 11.0.a.m. Three or four of the best races held over from the Sports Meeting, e.g. Governor's Cup, Indian Race, F.I.Bred, Troop Race and a Gymkhana event.

12. 12.0. Depart Racecourse for Government House.

13. 12.04.p.m. Arrive Government House. Luncheon.

14. 1.0.p.m. Lunch at Government House.

15. 2.25.p.m. Depart Government House for Racecourse.

Invitations to Royal Enclosure to issue from Joint Sports Association. (names submitted to H.R. for approval).  
Chairman of Sports Association to be responsible for casual presentations during races. Break Standard on arrival.

Refreshment tent or room at rear of Royal Enclosure for use by invited guests. Three or four persons to be appointed to ensure that H.R.H. has ample freedom of movement.

Royal cars to be preceded by Police car. Road from Racecourse to Government House closed from 11.45. to 12.15.p.m.

Guests - Committee of Joint Sports Association and wives but limited to 11. Also Unhappyen Vice Consul and A.D.C.

Road between Government House and Racecourse closed from 2.15. to 2.45.p.m. and from 3.05. to 3.25.p.m. Royal cars drive to enclosure. Police car precedes.

16. 2.30.p.m. Arrive Racecourse. Exhibition by three sheep dogs  
(1st, 2nd and 3rd in Championship)

17. 3.15.p.m. Depart Racecourse for Government House.

18. 3.20.p.m. Arrive Government House.

19. 3.25.p.m. Depart Government House for Gymnasium

20. 3.27.p.m. Arrive Gymnasium. Inspect wool, gear, etc. and see  
work by Spinners, Weavers and Dyers.

21. 4.13.p.m. Depart Gymnasium for Government House.

22. 4.15.p.m. Arrive Government House. Tea.

Entry to roped-off private enclosure by invitation issued  
by Sheep Owners Association. First dog to be ready for  
immediate start. Twelve minutes for each event with three  
minutes between events. Break Standard on arrival.

Police car proceeds. Ross Road between Government House  
and Williams Street closed between 3.15.p.m. and 4.20.p.m.

Wool fleeces set out on tables. Farm Managers and head  
shepherds on hand to explain various types. Arrangements  
made by Sheep Owners Association. Arrangements for S.F. & A.  
work by Committee. No gifts to be offered. Admission by  
invitation issued by Sheep Owners Association. Break  
Standard on arrival.

23. 5.6.p.m. Depart Government House for U.S.H. Hospital.
24. 5.02.p.m. Arrive Hospital. Met by Senior Medical Officer.  
Tour wards.
25. 5.17.p.m. Depart Hospital. Drive to Meteorological Station.
26. 5.22.p.m. Arrive Meteorological Station. Met by Senior  
Meteorological Officer. Tour Meteorological and  
Radio Semic Stations. Weather balloon ascent.
27. 5.52.p.m. Report Meteorological Station for Government House.
28. 5.57.p.m. Arrive Government House.
29. 8.0.p.m. Official dinner.

Police car precedes. Reservoir Road and road between  
Government House entrance and Meteorological Station closed  
between 4.45. and 6.0.p.m. (Ross Road, Grosier Place,  
Hobe Street, Davis Street).

Car will turn and face north when U.S.H. is inside Hospital.  
Standard to be broken on arrival.

Route via Reservoir Road, Ross Road, Grosier Place,  
Hobe Street, Davis Street).

Break Standard on arrival.

Same route as No:25, in reverse.

Guests - Members of Executive Council and wives (15),  
C. in C., Querry (or Private Secretary), Bishop?

30. 10.10.p.m. Depart Government House for Town Hall.

Dinner Guests will leave at 9.50.p.m. and take places on stage. Doors of Town Hall to be closed from 9.55. until departure of H.R.H. Area at eastern end of Town Hall to be cleared. Ross Road between Government House and Villiers Street closed to traffic between 9.45. and 11.0.p.m. No parking, especially in vicinity of Town Hall and Gymnasium. Police car precedes.

31. 10.12.p.m. Arrive Town Hall.

Dinner guests, members of Legislative Council, Committees of Ship Owners Association, Joint Sports Association, Town Council. Chairman and wife presented in foyer. Entry of Royal Navy personnel to Town Hall limited to ticket holders (small number from each ship).

32. 10.15.p.m. Present prizes to winners of major trophies at Combined Sports Meeting.

Trophy winners to be "passed" as near as possible to stage leading to stage. Immediately prior to departure of H.R.H., H.R. will call for three cheers. Ropes down centre of Town Hall removed after departure of H.R.H. Banding.

33. 10.45.p.m. Depart Town Hall for Government House.

Police car precedes.

34. 10.47.p.m. Arrive Government House.

REHEARSAL, 6th JANUARY.

35. 10.55.a.m. Depart Government House for Cathedral

Road Road from Government House to Malcom Street closed from 10.45. to 11.15.a.m. and from 11.45. to 12.05.p.m. Police car proceeds.

36. 11.0.a.m. Service in Cathedral.

37. 11.55.a.m. Depart Cathedral for Government House.

Road Road from Malcom Street to Government House closed from 11.45.a.m. to 12.0 noon.

38. 1.0.p.m. Lunch at Government House.

Guests - 5 farmers and wives (chosen by Sheep Owners Association), Miss Mc Connell and wife.

39. 2.25.p.m. Depart Government House for Public Jetty.

Road Road between Government House entrance and Public Jetty to be closed from 2.15. to 2.35.p.m. and from 3.25. to 3.45.p.m. Jetty closed to public. Police car precedes Royal car. Cars will drive onto Jetty and stop at steps.

40. 2.20.p.m. Arrive Public Jetty. Rehearsal in Royal Navy launch for Beaver moored at buoy.

Boat to be laid. Beaver to be ready for immediate take-off.

41. 2.30.p.m. Flight of one hour over "Great Britain", Port Louis (first settlement), Seal Inlet, return via Pitouy.

42. 3.30.p.m. Return to hang off Public Jetty. Royal Navy launch to Jetty. Return to Government House.

43. 3.33.p.m. Arrive Government House. Tea.

44. 4.45.p.m. Depart Government House for Arch Green.

45. 4.47.p.m. Arrive Arch Green. Members of Town Council and wives present. Plant tree.

46. 4.55.p.m. Depart Arch Green for Public Jetty (walking).

47. 4.58.p.m. Arrive Public Jetty. Farewell.

48. 5.0.p.m. Depart in Admiral's Barge.

49. 7.0.p.m. Reception on board R.M. Yacht Britannia.

50. 9.0.p.m. End of reception.

Passengers - R.M. in front with pilot (Torr), H.R. and Economy in centre seats. Flight assistant (Garpholl) in rear seat. No landings to be made enroute.

Jetty closed to public. Cars to be waiting at stops. Police car procession.

Road between Government House and Public Jetty closed between 4.30. and 5.0.p.m.

Hole to be dug and tree placed in it. Soil at side of hole. Shovel. R.M. will throw two or three shovelful of soil into hole. Rope off area surrounding tree.

Ropes on both sides of road between Arch Green and Jetty.

Break Standard on arrival. Members of Executive Council, Legislative Council and wives present.

By invitation. Guests to be notified of departure time of boats.



If it is too windy for the flight, substitute the following for Nos: 39 - 43 inclusive:-

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|-----|-----------|---|--|
| 39. | 2.31.p.m. | Depart Government House for Water Filtration Plant.                                       | Road between Government House and Filtration Plant to be closed between 2.15. and 3.15.p.m. Police car proceeds. |
| 40. | 2.40.p.m. | Arrive Filtration Plant.  | Civil Engineer present. Presented.   |
| 41. | 2.55.p.m. | Depart Filtration Plant for Government House.   |  |
| 42. | 3.05.p.m. | Arrive Government House. Walk to Football field.  |  |
| 43. | 3.17.p.m. | Arrive Football field. Match between H.M.Yacht Britannia and Stanley.                     | Repeal off enclosure for Royal Party.  |
| 44. | 3.20.p.m. | End of match. H.M.Y. presents cup to Captain of winning side. Return to Government House. | Valet leaves Government House by car and embarks at Public Jetty in Royal Navy launch for Britannia.             |
| 45. | 3.22.p.m. | Arrive Government House. Tea.   |  |

(Remainder of programme as at Nos: 44 - 50).



*copy*  
Aviation Department,  
PORT STANLEY.  
Falkland Islands.

25th May, 1956.

*Original taken to CM  
by H.E.*

Sir,

We have the honour to submit the following report on:-

THE F.I.G.A.S. AIRCRAFT AND THE MAINTENANCE OF SAME.

The Falkland Islands Government Air Service operate two De Havilland D.H.C(2). "Beaver" aircraft. The first to be received was VP-FAE in August, 1953, and has to date flown 920 hours. A reconditioned engine was installed during the recent Certificate of Airworthiness overhaul, and has completed 23 running hours.

The second aircraft, VP-FAF, was received from Canada in September, 1955, and has to date flown 403 hours, with a total of 407 engine running hours.

Routine maintenance is carried out on both aircraft in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. The F.I.G.A.S. engineers after five years experience of operating seaplanes from salt water, have found an additional inspection necessary after every twenty-five flying hours, mainly as an anti-corrosion check, and in this inspection have added some additional items to those laid down in the manufacturer's inspection schedule in the relevant operational hand book.

The aircraft in which His Royal Highness would be asked to fly will be VP-FAF, which at the time of his arrival in the Colony will have just completed the annual Certificate of Airworthiness inspection and an extensive air test, after which a further series of ground checks will be carried out.

The F.I.G.A.S. engineering staff is as follows:-

Chief Engineer. Mr H. Smith, Licence Number LAE 5980, A., B., C.  
Second Engineer. Mr E.D. Jones, Licence Number LAE 9136, A., C.

Both these engineers have considerable experience of seaplanes and their operation, having been employed by the F.I.G.A.S. for six and five years respectively, during which the service has maintained a completely accident-free record and carried over six thousand passengers. For three years the engineers have serviced D.H.C(2). "Beaver" seaplanes. Both engineers hold current local maintenance engineers licences endorsed to cover this type of aircraft.

We have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servants,

*John H. Smith*

Harbour Master.

*H.D. Jones*

Chief Engineer.

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary,  
PORT STANLEY.

EXTRACT FROM LETTER FROM MR. I. C. H. YOUNG TO  
H.E. THE GOVERNOR OF 4. 5. 56.

~~SECRET~~  
57A

(Original filed in 0327/II - Mail Contract).

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We are very pleased to hear that His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh will visit the Falkland Islands early in January 1957 and we hope that his Camp visit (if any) will include Goose Green, which is a central point for the Camp and where he could see some shearing and visit the School.

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EXTRACT FROM LETTER FROM H.E. THE GOVERNOR TO  
MESSRS. THE FALKLAND ISLANDS COMPANY LTD.

(Original filed in 0327/II - Mail Contract).

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I shall be in London for a few weeks in August and early September in connexion with the Duke of Edinburgh's visit and shall certainly look you up then.

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Extract from the Minutes of a Meeting of Executive Council  
held 30th May, 1956.

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1765.

12. Visit of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh.

Council approved the draft Programme for the visit  
of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh.

*W. H. Morrison*

Acting Clerk of the Executive Council.

1765 59  
DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No. 30.

*From*..... BISHOP EVANS, OTEVIDEO

*To*..... GOVERNOR, FALKLAND ISLANDS

*Despatched :* 31st May, 19 56 *Time :* 1365

*Received :* 1st June, 19 56 *Time :* 1100

8, 410  
Thanks, regret unable make January visiting Colony October.  
Apologies delayed reply due absence. Regards.

BISHOP EVANS

P/L:IR

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7.8.

58 submitted pi. One less at dinner.

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# The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

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REGISTERED 1902.

AGENTS FOR LLOYDS.

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" VIA RADIO.



*Stanley,*

13th June

19 56

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary,  
STANLEY.

Sir,

We refer to our letter of 26th April to which we have received no answer except indirectly via the Royal Visit Planning Committee of which the writer is a member.

Para: 3

We can now confirm that "FITZROY" will not be leaving the Colony's service before February or March 1957 at the earliest, due to delay in delivery of steel for our new vessel.

Para: 4 - Voyage Y22:

Now that "FITZROY" is not to drydock in Montevideo we have no inducement to make this voyage unless Government is prepared to offer the usual Mail Voyage subsidy of £600, and we shall be glad to know whether this is the intention.

Para: 7 - Voyages in connection with Royal Visit:

Our current Freight Schedule has a section concerning Special Voyages reading as follows:-

"DEVIATION AND SPECIAL VOYAGES.

"(Special Voyage means Stanley-back-to-Stanley;  
"Deviation means diversion to a port not included in  
"the itinerary for the voyage, irrespective of whether  
"the deviation is asked for before the vessel sails,  
"or after she has actually sailed. The following rates  
"are for inter-island voyages. Where a special voyage  
"or deviation is made to an overseas port, actual Port  
"Expenses will be charged in addition).

"s.s. "FITZROY":

"Special Voyage 45/- per mile. Minimum £112/10/-.

"Deviation 30/- per mile. Minimum £37/10/-.

"These rates are additional to any passage money or  
"freight earned on such special voyages or deviation.

"If vessel has to raise steam for a special voyage,

"an additional .....

Extracted  
to main  
contact  
file.

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The Hon. Colonial Secretary

13th June 1956

s.s. "FITZROY" Itinerary 1956/57  
(contd)

- 2 -

"an additional charge will be made:-

"

"s.s. "FITZROY" - £75/-/-".

It is not possible at this stage to define to what extent the voyages proposed in our letter would merit the term "deviation or special" but we would meet Government in this respect so far as it were possible by combining both inward and outward voyages with collection of produce at one port on each.

Neither voyage can be termed a cargo voyage proper for that would mean delay to passengers.

The call at North Arm can be cut out both ways if the Managers of North Arm and Darwin are prepared to cater for North Arm people travelling overland to or from Darwin.

On a mileage basis and not taking North Arm into consideration, the maximum account for Government would be £1086.15.0, made up as follows:-

		<u>Miles:</u>
<u>"FITZROY"</u>	Port Stephens to Fox Bay	<u>43</u>
	Fox Bay to Stanley, via	
	Speedwell Island	123
(return)	Stanley to Darwin	59
	Darwin to Fox Bay via	
	Speedwell Island	97
	Fox Bay to Port Stephens	43
<u>CHARTER</u>	Stanley to Darwin, return	<u>118</u>
<u>VESSEL</u>	Stanley	<u>483</u>
		@ 45/- per mile =
		<u>£1086.15.0</u>

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*A. G. Darwin*  
MANAGER.

S/1765

30/May/1956.

Colonial Secretary.  
Stanley.



Dear Sir,

I have been requested by my Committee, to approach you with regards to arranging a football match when the Duke of Edinburgh arrives. Would it be possible to have a game against the Royal Navy on that day, and if possible to have His Highness to kick' off.

Yours sincerely,

P.T.Dillon,

*P.T. Dillon*

( Honorary Secretary )

24/1/57  
p.s.

Ans: 76



## GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

Number

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Words

Handed in at

PTT

22.6.55

To

KODAK HARROW LONDON

R/A/C

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TELST 106A/RELASBAN/FF 25TH MAY TRANSPARENCIES WOULD  
BE LOGG'D, VIEWS NOT REPEAT NOT DONE OF EDINBURGH.

SECRETARY

Time

22.6.55

1765  
327/2.

22nd June,

56

The Colonial Manager  
Messrs. The Falkland Islands Co. Ltd.,  
PORT STANLEY.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letters of the 26th April and 13th June on the subject of the Royal Visit and the proposed movements of s.s. Fitzroy.

It is noted that you now confirm that the s.s. Fitzroy will not be leaving the Colony's service before February or March 1957 at the earliest, owing to the delay in delivery of steel for your new vessel.

I am to say that Government approves your proposal to amend the Fitzroy's Itinerary dated 28th February, for the second half of 1956, as follows:-

Y 21 - Coastwise - November 15th to 20th.

Y 22 - Depart Stanley - November 21st.

Arrive Montevideo - November 26th - Home Andes 4/12.

Depart Montevideo - November 29th - Out Andes 29/11.

Arrive Stanley - December 4th.

Y 23 - Coastwise (as required)

As voyage No. Y 20 to and from Montevideo completes the ten voyages required under the terms of the Mail Contract, the usual Mail Subsidy of £600 will be granted for Voyage No. Y 22.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Colonial Secretary.

1765

22nd June,

56.

Messrs.  
The Falkland Islands Company Limited  
PORT STANLEY.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letters of the 26th April and 13th June, in connection with special voyages of s.s. Fitzroy and a chartered vessel to transport passengers to and from Stanley on the occasion of the visit to the Colony of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh, and to inform you that your letters under reference were discussed at a meeting of the Royal Visit Committee held today.

It is noted that on a mileage basis and not taking North Arm into consideration, the maximum account for Government would be \$1086.15.0. all passage and freight earned to accrue to the Company.

I am directed by the Royal Visit Committee to enquire whether in view of this historic occasion the Falkland Islands Company would be prepared to consider a reduction in the proposed rate.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

\* for ROYAL VISIT COMMITTEE.

1765

22nd June,

56

Colonial Manager  
Messrs. The Falkland Islands Co., Ltd.  
PORT STANLEY.

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that it is proposed to make a photographic record of the forthcoming visit to the Colony of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh. This will include Cine Films in colour in addition to black and white photographs. Copies of the films will be made for showing throughout the Colony and it has been decided to offer for sale to the general public, albums containing a complete photographic record of the visit.

I should be grateful to learn whether the Falkland Islands Company would be willing to make available the services of Mr. Robert Moss as Director of the Photographic Unit. All costs incurred will be met by Government, who will, of course, require the exclusive reproduction rights of all films and photographs taken.

If the Company is agreeable to making Mr. Moss available for this purpose, it is suggested that on his return he meets with the Royal Visit Committee to discuss arrangements.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

  
for ROYAL VISIT COMMITTEE.

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TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" VIA RADIO.

*Stanley,*

26th June

19 56

S. G. Trees Esq.,  
STANLEY.

Dear Sir,

We have for acknowledgment your letter No. 1765 of 22nd June and in accordance with your last paragraph have telegraphed our Head Office requesting consideration of the scheduled rate for Special Voyages in view of the special circumstances attending the occasion.

Frankly we do not think the Managing Director will consider any reduction so long before the event which, though we fully agree is historic, may also cause an unprecedented dislocation of shipping movements in the height of the wool-collecting season which must be planned to suit fixed Wool Sale dates.

Later this year when the future of s.s. "FITZROY" is known, and the sailing of Charter Vessels approximated, the volume of probable passage and freight earnings on Royal Visit Special Voyages can more easily be estimated and the whole position weighed up again with a view to reducing the rate per mile.

Yours faithfully,

*C. P. Danton*

MANAGER.

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*Stanley,*

26th June

19 56

S. G. Trees Esq.,  
STANLEY.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 1765 of 22nd inst. we  
are quite agreeable to Mr. R. Moss being made available as  
Director of the Photographic Unit on the occasion of the forth-  
coming Royal Visit.

Yours faithfully,

*A. R. Dawson*

MANAGER.

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TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" VIA RADIO.

*Stanley,*

29th June

19 56

S. G. Trees Esq.,  
STANLEY

Dear Sir,

Special Voyages, January 1957.

71 Further to our letter of 26th inst., Head Office telegraphs to the effect that when the time taken and bunkers consumed on special voyages are known, our charges will be reconsidered.

Yours faithfully,

*A. E. Dainton*

MANAGER.

GOVERNMENT

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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POY

26/6/56

To

GUTHRIE PHYSICS TEDDINGTON

HOA/G

70 YOUR TELEGRAM 25<sup>TH</sup>

EXISTING COLOUR PICTURES ALL 24 TIMES 36 MILLIMETER KODACHROME  
POSITIVE TRANSPARENCIES BUT PICTURES CAN BE TAKEN ON ANY SPECIFIED  
FILM STOP ONE ENLARGEMENT EACH OF ABOUT TWELVE PICTURES REQUIRED  
STOP ONE PICTURE PER BOX STOP PREFER DISPLAY BOXES PREFABRICATED  
IN ENGLAND TO ARRIVE STANLEY BY NOVEMBER.

HARRISON

Time

VII/IMR



19th July,

56

P.T. Dillon, Esq.  
Honorary Secretary  
Falkland Islands Football League  
STANLEY.

64 A.

Sir,


I am directed to refer to your letter dated 30th May, on the subject of the Royal Visit and to inform you that it is hoped to arrange a football match between teams representing Stanley and possibly H.M. Yacht Britannia, on Saturday 5th January next.

This arrangement is tentative at present and is, of course, subject to the approval of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh. I shall communicate with you again when the draft Programme, as submitted to H.R.H., has been approved.

The delay in replying to your letter is regretted.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

  
for ROYAL VISIT COMMITTEE.

Our Ref:-

Your Ref:-



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RADIO RESEARCH SUBSTATION,  
PORT STANLEY,  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.  
July 19th 1956.

Sir,

S.O.A. and Spinners and Weavers Display for  
Royal Visit.

Display boxes with coloured photographs have proved prohibitively expensive and so, in their place, I would like to suggest that black and white enlargements of local scenes or industries might prove of interest.

Entrants for the forthcoming Falkland Club Photographic Exhibition could be invited to offer prints for display but I would suggest that there should be no restriction on the largest size of print to be offered.

If incentive is required, small prizes might be given to those submitting the prints selected for exhibition during the Royal Visit.

I am,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

V. Harrison.

The Colonial Secretary,  
Secretariat,  
Stanley.

28th July,

56

To: Agricultural Officer

Royal Visit Committee.


STANLEY.

## ROYAL VISIT.


With reference to the forthcoming visit to the Colony of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh on the 4th and 5th January, 1957, I am directed to request that you will arrange for the following work to be undertaken by your Department:-

- (a) Tidy up inside the Battle Memorial enclosure, i.e., cut grass, remove grass growing between the stone path surrounding the Memorial and, if necessary, lay extra stone chips.
- X (b) Cut the grass at Victory Green.
- (c) Supply four pens, each 6' 0" x 6' 0" x 3' 3" in height. Rough boards are to be supplied beneath the pens with a covering of straw or shavings. (The pens are to hold sheep, three in each, which will be on exhibition in the Gymnasium. The exhibition of sheep, fleeces and gear is being organised by the S.O.A. and will be visited by H.R.H. during the afternoon of Friday, 4th January next).

Any expenditure of funds should be charged to Head X, Miscellaneous, 30.

  
 Royal Visit Committee.

X We have since discussed. If by any chance the grass is long and untidy a week or so before H.R.H.'s arrival, will you please discuss with Mr. Hardy and see what can be done to improve the appearance of the area.



1765

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

1st June, 1956.

Dear Arthur.

Thank you for your letter of the 14th April  
and for the interesting despatch about activities  
in the Falkland Islands and Dependencies.

We have passed the copy of the despatch to  
Lord Munster as you requested. I am sure that the  
Duke of Edinburgh will be pleased at seeing a copy  
of it.

Yours sincerely

T.H. Lord

ACS

On file -  
which should be made  
to be a copy of the letter

O.R. Arthur, Esq., CMG., CVO.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

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From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched: 27.7.56.

Time: 1450

Received: 27.7.56. Time: 0900

RESTRICTED

No: 117. Royal Visit. Following for Denton-Thompson from Willis:-

Buckingham Palace enquire whether if necessary following victuals could be supplied for Britannia at Stanley:-

Bakery

Milk and cream

Fresh and frozen fruit and vegetables

Groceries

Meat

Fish

Poultry, and

Game

(last four items frozen), milk should be pasteurised and homogenized.

2. Palace would prefer suppliers were not informed of possible intention at this stage as no definite arrangements can yet be made. Purpose of this enquiry is merely to ascertain which of the items are likely to be available at need. ends.

CWC : PU

reply at 82

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched : 1.8.56.

Time : 1130

Received :

Time :

RESTRICTED.

No: 167. Your tel. No: 117. Royal Visit. Following for  
Willis from Denton-Thompson begins:-

- (a) Bakery. Arrangements to supply reasonable quantities of bread could be made. Grateful to learn estimated requirements.
- (b) Milk and cream. Milk is not pasteurised and homogenised. Supply of cream is strictly limited as no refrigeration facilities for storage.
- (c) Fresh fruit could be imported from Uruguay but as "Fitzroy" arrives month before Royal Visit, stocks would be old. No facilities for frozen fruit or vegetables. Limited supplies of local cabbages, turnips and carrots will be available. Potatoes available ex Uruguay.
- (d) Groceries can be made available but certain lines not always in stock. Early list of requirements would help in assessing supply position.
- (e) Meat, fish, poultry, game cannot be supplied frozen. Arrangements could be made to provide fresh mutton and perhaps beef, also poultry in limited quantities. No guarantee of fish but in any event it would be gutted and smelt. Could probably supply small quantities Upland Goose.

GTC : AG

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR.

Despatched : 11.8.56.

Time : 1230

Received : 11.8.56.

Time : 1130 (1530 G.M.T.)

CONFIDENTIAL.

121. Following from Governor begins:-

Prince Philip has approved South Georgia programme as submitted. Colony programme approved subject to following alterations:-

- (i) Item No:46 to 51 deleted.
- (ii) Item 52 to 54 follows item No:25 on 7th and official dinner will be on Britannia.
- (iii) Afternoon of 8th will be blank period for recreation.
- (iv) Prince Philip has agreed to visit West Falkland on 9th.

He would sail in Britannia leaving Stanley as proposed 2100 hours 8th landing West Falkland 0900 hours 9th, sailing again 1500 hours same day for South Georgia. Please telegraph outline of programme for West Falkland. Suggest Fox Bay best place if Clement will co-operate otherwise Hill Cove. Port Howard navigationally difficult, other settlements too far.

Suggest programme should be to see sheep farm at work. Shearing, working sheep in pen, etc. with light diversions such as bullock riding. Prince Philip would probably be willing to entertain managers and wives to luncheon, sailing directly after for South Georgia.

In Dependencies visit to Bases B, O. A. N and F approved by Biscoe or Shackleton. Route and timing left flexible, will be arranged at the time of visit to suit ice weather conditions. ends.

GTC : PT

Basi B - Deception  
O - Danco Coast  
A - Port Lockroy  
N - Anvers Island  
F - Argentine Islands

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TELEGRAM SENT.

O.A.G.  
From ~~GOVERNOR~~ to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched : 13.8.56. Time : 1130 Received : : Time : :

CONFIDENTIAL No: 176. 83

Your confidential telegram No: 121. Royal Visit.

Following personal and confidential for Governor from  
Dentaon-Thompson begins:-

Grateful if you would confirm that H.R.H.'s visit to Stanley is now 7th and 8th January and not 4th and 5th. If so I assume new date for arrival in South Georgia, programme for which has been approved, will be 12th January. I am proceeding with arrangements for West visit as proposed and intention is that Executive Council Sub Committee will fly to West first flying day to discuss with West farmers. As things stand at present Fox Bay is proposed as venue. I will wire recommended programme earliest opportunity.

In the meantime I should advise that Sub Committee has expressed strong hope that a way will be found to centre H.R.H.'s visit on Stanley as originally recommended. There are serious difficulties in the way of shipping and movement of personnel but we are examining how best they can be overcome. I will telegraph further earliest opportunity. ends.

O.A.G.

GTC : PT.



CONFIDENTIAL.

A meeting was held at Fox Bay on Tuesday, 14th August, to discuss the Governor's confidential telegram No: 121 (proposal that H.R.H. should visit the West Falkland).

Present :        Acting Colonial Secretary.  
                 The Honourable Mr. A. G. Barton, C.B.E., J.P.  
                 Mr. W. H. Clement, J.P.  
                 Mr. H. W. Luxton, J.P.  
                 Mr. C. Robertson, J.P.  
                 Mr. W. W. Blake, J.P.

The Acting Colonial Secretary outlined the original programme for the Royal Visit and read telegram No: 121. The implications of a visit to the West were then discussed.

Mr. Clement made it quite clear that he would co-operate in every way if it were considered desirable that H.R.H. should visit Fox Bay, but he felt that the visit should be centred on Stanley as originally planned. If H.R.H. visited Fox Bay after leaving Stanley it would mean his employees remaining in the settlement, thus being unable to attend the two-day race meeting immediately prior to the Visit and the two-day holiday for the Royal Visit. His employees were particularly looking forward to going into Stanley especially as the West sports meeting had been cancelled in view of the combined East West Sports Meeting. He thought that there would be much ill feeling if his employees were ordered to remain at the settlement - in fact he did not feel inclined to give such an order. Even if his staff visited Stanley for the two-day race meeting and the two-day Royal Visit it was most unlikely that they would be able to return in time to have everything ready to receive H.R.H.

Mr. Clement emphasized the shipping difficulties and pointed out that if a visit to the West were planned the Royal Yacht would be unable to anchor inside the bay. If anchored outside there was always the possibility that it would be too rough for H.R.H. to come ashore.

Mr. Robertson thought that if a visit to the West were to be planned it would be advisable for it to take place before the Stanley visit. He was of the firm opinion, however, that it would be to everyone's advantage if the Royal Visit were centralized in Stanley. He and his staff intended going to Stanley. Mr. Robertson agreed with Mr. Clement about shipping difficulties and the feeling which would arise in the settlement if employees were told that they had to remain there over the public holidays.

Mr. Luxton agreed with Mr. Clement and Mr. Robertson and said that Stanley was the logical place to centralize the visit. He and his staff intended going into Stanley and adequate shipping arrangements appeared to have been made for everyone to travel who wished to do so.

Mr. Blake said that few, if any, of the Hill Cove personnel would go into Stanley for the Royal Visit. He was quite prepared to entertain H.R.H. and arrange for him to see the settlement at work. Shearing, working sheep and bullock riding could be arranged. Mr. Blake agreed that the Royal Yacht would have to remain outside the reef and anchor about two miles off shore. If a strong wind blew from the north-east or north-west it was possible that there would be landing difficulties.

Mr. Blake's comments were then discussed. It was pointed out that if H.R.H. visited Hill Cove a number of people from the West who had planned to go into Stanley might decide to go to Hill Cove instead. There would be much disappointment if for any reason H.R.H. was unable to get ashore.

Apropos the suggestion that H.R.H. would probably be willing to entertain managers and wives to luncheon, it was pointed out that all managers, perhaps with the exception of Mr. Blake, would be in Stanley for the Royal Visit.

Mr. Blake asked permission to obtain the views of his employees in the light of the confidential telegram received, but this was withheld for the time being.

The possibility of a visit being paid by H.R.H. to the West before coming into Stanley was considered. Here again serious shipping difficulties would arise. If H.R.H. went to Fox Bay and left at 3.0.p.m. the settlement personnel could not leave much before 4.0.p.m. (in the "Pitrooy"). As a call would have to be made at Speedwell Island on route to Stanley, the vessel could not arrive in Stanley until between 7.0.a.m. - 8.0.a.m. the following day, even under the most favourable weather conditions. A rough sea would delay the vessel considerably and it would not then arrive in Stanley until later in the day, perhaps several hours after H.R.H. Furthermore, the "Pitrooy" would be carrying a number of deck passengers for whom no sleeping accommodation would be available and they would be travelling all night.

Mr. Barton pointed out that the Stanley Sports Association had spent many hours in arranging the programme for the race meeting and this would have to be revised if H.R.H. visited the West first. It would, in fact, mean holding the two-day race meeting after the departure of H.R.H., and one of the objects of the visit of H.R.H. to the Town Hall was to present prizes to the winners of the major events at the 2-day meeting, planned for immediately before the Royal Visit.

The meeting then adjourned and the Acting Colonial Secretary stated that the various points put forward would be considered by the Royal Visit Sub Committee.

SE/PA.

15th August 1956.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

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From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched: 16.8.56. Time: 1535. Received: 17.8.56. Time: 0930

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL.

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No: 124. Following from Governor. Your tel. 176. Royal Visit.

Confirm that dates altered to 7th and 8th January for Stanley, 9th January for West Falkland and 12th January for South Georgia.

2. I had assumed that visit to West Falkland would solve not aggravate transport difficulties and pressed strongly for extension of visit for this purpose at personal interview with Prince Philip saying that visit would give greatest satisfaction to West Falkland. It would be extremely difficult now to say that visit not desired nor do I see what transport difficulties are caused thereby. If difficulty is return of Leg. Co. Members and families in time to greet Prince Philip on West believe could be arranged either in Protector or Britannia.

3. Miller suggests shearing competition as possible event during visit to West Falkland.

GTC : PT

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

It is hereby notified that there has been an alteration in the dates for the visit to the Colony of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh.

Instead of arriving on Friday, 4th January 1957, and departing during the late evening of Saturday, 5th. January, His Royal Highness will now arrive in Stanley at 9.00 a.m. on Monday, 7th January, and leave late in the evening of Tuesday, 8th January, sailing in the Royal Yacht Britannia for ~~the West Falkland~~ <sup>Fox Bay</sup> where he will arrive at 9.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 9th January. His Royal Highness will sail from ~~the West~~ <sup>Fox Bay</sup> at 3.00 p.m. the same day for South Georgia.

The programme for the Royal Visit will be printed and distributed as soon as possible. The Acting Colonial Secretary will broadcast details of the visit at 7.30 p.m. on *Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> August.*

S.G. Trees

Acting Colonial Secretary.

*Please announce twice, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> August.*



Good Evening.

Broadcast Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> August

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For the past several months everyone has been looking forward to the visit to the Colony next January of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh.

As announced a few days ago, the visit is now to take place on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday the 7th, 8th and 9th January instead of Friday and Saturday the 4th and 5th, His Royal Highness having consented to extend his stay here so that he can make a short trip to Fox Bay in the Royal Yacht Britannia.

Before giving you details of the various events which have been arranged, I want to tell you something of the programmes for the 4th, 5th and 6th January.

The Stanley Sports' Association, in conjunction with the Darwin Harbour Sports Association and the West Sports Association, has arranged to hold a combined two day sports programme which will take place on Friday and Saturday, the 4th and 5th January. The programme consists of the usual events with the exception of five races which are being held over until the morning of Monday, 7th January and which will be watched by His Royal Highness. I shall give you details of these races in a few minutes.

On Sunday 6th January, open sheep dog trials will be held. The dogs taking 1st, 2nd and 3rd places will give an exhibition for His Royal Highness during the morning of Tuesday, 8th January.

The several hundred people who eagerly look forward to the annual sports meeting will be glad to know that the Stanley Sports Association has decided to erect a new grandstand on the southern side. This will be larger than the present stand and is to be placed at an angle so that everyone will have a better view of the horses as they race down the course. A new and larger committee hut is also being built and both the new stand and committee hut will be ready in time for the ~~next~~ races. The Stanley Sports Association also intended renewing the stand on the Northern side this year but it cannot be completed in time owing to the delay in obtaining steel.

Those of you who live in the Camp ~~will~~ say, wonder how you will reach Stanley for the Sports Meeting and the Royal Visit. Although I am unable at present to give details, I can tell you that Government hopes to be able to arrange transport by sea for ~~most~~ <sup>most people</sup> who wish to come into Stanley. The rates to be charged will be low. Full details of shipping arrangements will be broadcast at the first opportunity. Return arrangements will, of course, be made.

So far, so good, you may say and then you ask "Where will I stay in Stanley?" Many of you will have friends and relations there and accommodation will be no problem but to those of you who have no accommodation I can say that Government will assist in helping you to find it. A sub-committee has been appointed to enquire into what accommodation is available.

All farms will be asked in due course to name the people who intend coming into Stanley and by that time the accommodation available here will be known. It will then remain for Government to try and find accommodation for those of you who have been unable to make your own arrangements. I would emphasise that it is important for those of you who do have accommodation to make final arrangements as soon as possible.

Before giving you details of the Royal Visit, I wish to emphasise that, apart from a limited amount of ceremonial which has been reduced to the minimum, all arrangements have been kept as simple and informal as possible. It is entirely a local show. The Duke is coming here to see you and to enable you to see him. He wants to see how you live, how you work and how you play. He will speak to many of you.

And now we come to the ~~Royal Visit itself~~ <sup>arrangements</sup>. The Duke of Edinburgh will arrive in the Colony in the Royal Yacht Britannia during the early morning of Monday 7th January, with his Excellency the Governor, the Governor having accompanied His Royal Highness on his visit to the Falkland Islands Dependencies. It is hoped that the Royal Yacht, which will be accompanied by H.M.S. Protector, will drop anchor in Stanley Harbour when the Falkland Islands Defence Force will fire a salute.

His Royal Highness will land at the Public Jetty at 9 am. where members of Executive Council, Legislative Council and the Heads of the three churches and their wives will be presented. At the open space between the end of Ross Road, the Philomel Store and the end of the Public Jetty, a Guard of Honour will be mounted by the Royal Navy, the Royal Marines and the Falkland Islands Defence Force. The Duke of Edinburgh will inspect the Guard and then walk along Ross Road. First he will pass through the ranks of the Boys' Brigade and the Girls' Life Brigade who will be on parade on each side of the road. Continuing, the Duke will then pass through ranks of school children behind which will be the general public. Upon reaching the corner of Ross Road and Dean Street, His Royal Highness will enter his car and drive to Government House.

At 9.43 am. the Duke will drive to the Town Hall, which he will enter and proceed to the Council Chamber. There, members of Legislative Council will be in attendance, together with a limited number of invited guests, and an Address of Welcome will be delivered by the Hon. Mr. A.L. Hardy, B.E.W., J.P., the Senior Elected Member, to which His Royal Highness will reply.

Arrangements are being made to relay outside the Town Hall the Address of Welcome and the Reply.

His Royal Highness will leave the Town Hall at 9.55 and return to Government House for smoko.

Next follows the visit to the Racecourse. The Duke will drive from Government House at 10.50 am. and proceed straight to the course where he will enter the enclosure at the stand on the South side. Here the Chairman of the Stanley Sports Association will be presented and he, in turn, will present Committee members. I am sure you will all appreciate the fact that it will be impossible to accommodate everyone in the enclosure ~~and~~ the new stand, so it has been decided that in order to give the Duke some room in which to move around, admission to the stand and enclosure will be by invitation.

I mentioned earlier the five races which were being held over until this particular day. The first race, starting at 11 am. will be the Darwin Harbour Plate for imported horses, run over 800 yards. The prizes

For this event are being donated by the Darwin Harbour Sports Association. This will be followed by the Pony Race, an open event over 300 yards, the prizes for which are being given by the joint Honorary Secretaries of the Stanley Sports Association. Next comes the West Falkland Plate over 600 yards for Falkland Islands Bred horses with the West Falkland Sports Association donating the prizes. For the benefit of the Royal Navy, who will be with us in considerable numbers that day, the next event will be a Sailor's Race, open to horses not having taken a first prize at the Joint Sports Meeting. This is over 300 yards and the prizes come from the Stanley Sports Association. Finally, the race for the Governor's Cup will be run. This is an open race over 700 yards. Prizes for the second and third horses are being donated by the Stanley Sports Association.

It is hoped that His Royal Highness will watch the Governor's Cup being run from the new committee hut. I may add that the tote will be operating as usual.

At 12.10 p.m. the Duke will leave the Racecourse and return to Government House for lunch.

At 2.30 His Royal Highness will drive from Government House to the Hospital. Here he will be met by the Senior Medical Officer and taken for a tour of the Hospital. He will go into the wards and meet the staff and probably talk to some of the patients.

On leaving the Hospital, the Duke will drive to the Infants' School where he will be met by the Acting Superintendent of Education and the Senior Mistress of the school. Although it will be during the school holidays, all children from the Senior School will be asked to line up in the playground while those in the Infants' School will be seated at their desks. His Royal Highness will then inspect the school.

From the School, the Duke will drive to Sappers Hill, where he will see an exhibition of boat cutting at a bank near the water tank. He will then drive back to the Rifle Range and be present during the last few minutes of a shooting competition between a team from the Royal Navy or Royal Marines and the Colony's Bisley Team. The Duke will then go back to Government House for tea.



The next event of the day is a visit to the Gymnasium where His Royal Highness will arrive at 4.47 p.m. Here he will spend one hour and see some live sheep representing various breeds in the Colony, a number of fleeces from twelve farms with the managers and head shepherds in attendance and the prize winning gear from the competition which is now running, the makers being present.

A part of the Gymnasium is being allotted to the Spinners, Weavers and Dyers Guild and the Duke will see wool being spun, weaving, in fact everything from the raw wool to the finished article. As in the enclosure at the Races, it will be impossible to accommodate everyone in the Gymnasium when the Duke is there, so it must remain closed to the general public. The exhibition will be open to the public, however, between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. the following afternoon.

At 5.47 p.m. His Royal Highness will leave the Gymnasium and drive to Arch Green. Here the Chairman and members of the Town Council and their wives will be presented and the Duke will plant a tree to commemorate his visit to the Colony.

On leaving Arch Green, His Royal Highness will walk through the Cathedral on his way to the Public Jetty, which will be reached at 6.04 p.m. The Duke will then board the Royal Barge and go out to the Britannia.

Later the same evening His Royal Highness will go to the Town Hall where he will present prizes to the winners of <sup>some of</sup> the major events at the two-day sports meeting and to the winners of the five events held earlier that day. A special place near the stage will be reserved for those persons receiving prizes from the Duke. On the stage, in addition to His Royal Highness, will be Members of Executive and Legislative Council, the Town Council, the Committees of the Sheepowners' Association, the Joint Sports Associations and their wives. Dancing will begin as soon as possible after the departure of His Royal Highness for Government House where he will spend the night.

That brings us to the end of the first day.

At 9.40 the next morning the Duke will leave Government House for the Public Jetty where he will board one of the Beaver Aircraft and fly for one hour, <sup>over</sup> ~~seeing~~ the Great Britain, Port Louis <sup>and the settlements</sup> ~~Horseshoe Bay, Lincon Grande, San Salvador, Douglas Station, Teal Inlet and Fitzroy from the air~~ before returning to Stanley and Government House for smoko. If it is too windy for the flight, the Duke will visit the Aircraft Hangar, leaving Government House at 10 a.m. and returning at 10.30 a.m.

His Royal Highness will leave again at 11.15 for the Racecourse, where the first three dogs in the open championship held the previous Sunday will show their paces. Each dog will be allowed a twelve minute run with three minutes between events.

On leaving the Racecourse at 12.05 p.m. His Royal Highness will drive straight to the Meteorological Station via Ross Road, Philomel Street North, Crozier Place, Hebe Street and Davis Street. The Duke will make a tour of the Meteorological Station, the Radio Sande Station and will see a weather balloon ascent. From there he will return by the same route to Government House for lunch.

The afternoon is being reserved for recreation. Although the Duke will <sup>be unable to</sup> ~~not~~ attend, a football match will be arranged during the afternoon between teams representing the Royal Yacht and Stanley.

His Royal Highness will finally leave Government House at 4.57 p.m. and drive to the Public Jetty where ~~members of Executive Council, Legislative Council and wives will be present. The Duke will leave~~ <sup>embarking</sup> in the Royal Barge at 5.00 p.m.

Between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. that same evening His Royal Highness will give a reception on board the Royal Yacht. When the reception is over the Britannia will sail for Fox Bay.

At 9 a.m. the next morning, Wednesday 9th January, the Royal Yacht will anchor off Fox Bay and, weather permitting, His Royal Highness will come ashore at 9.30 to visit Fox Bay East. He will be met by the Manager and his wife and taken on a tour of the settlement. Here he will see drafting, shearing and baling in addition to which he will

go through the Government Wireless Station. Smoko will be at the Manager's house.

His Royal Highness will leave the settlement at 12 noon and go out to the Royal Yacht. He will be followed by guests invited to a luncheon party on board.

The Royal Yacht will then sail at three p.m. for South Georgia.

I have given you a general outline of the various events which have been planned for the Royal Visit. A programme is being printed and will be sent to everyone as soon as possible.

Before ending this talk, there are a few other points I should like to mention.

Every child in the Colony of school age will be given a souvenir medal to commemorate the Royal Visit, together with a Union Jack.

Many of you are keen photographers and would like to have a photographic record of the visit. This poses certain problems. There is certainly no objection to photographs of the Duke being taken from a reasonable distance away but everyone will realise that His Royal Highness's enjoyment of the visit would be spoilt if photographers kept popping up in front of him all the time. I would ask you, therefore, to use discretion when taking photographs. An official photographic unit is being arranged to cover all highlights of the Royal Visit and complete sets of photographs will be available for sale to everyone who requires them. Films are also being taken and these will be made available for showing, not only in Stanley but in the Camp as well.

I have not mentioned His Excellency the Governor in the programme of events. He will, of course, accompany the Duke wherever he goes, as will an Equerry. The Governor's A.D.C. will also be in attendance.

When His Royal Highness is travelling by car to and from the various ceremonies, it will be necessary to close certain roads to vehicles other than the official cars. The time during which roads will be closed has been kept to a minimum as will be seen by the printed programme which you will receive. It would be appreciated if car owners would not park

their vehicles on the roads travelled by His Royal Highness. The Duke's car will always be preceded by a police car. The third car in the procession will carry the Equerry and A.D.C. and a reserve car will bring up the rear.

Stanley will, of course, be decorated on the occasion of the Royal Visit. Government has ordered bunting, banners and flags to decorate Ross Road from the Public Jetty to the Police Cottages. The co-operation of householders in decorating their premises, not only along the roads to be traversed by His Royal Highness but also in other parts of the town would be appreciated.

Government has also undertaken to paint the Town Hall throughout and to provide new stage curtains and stage lighting. The exterior of the Gymnasium will also be painted. Floodlighting will be installed at the Cathedral, <sup>Arch</sup> ~~Green~~, the Town Hall and at the Battle Memorial.

For the benefit of those of you who are unable to come into Stanley, the highlights of the Royal Visit will be broadcast and re-broadcast again later. The various events to be covered include the arrival of His Royal Highness, the ceremony in the Council Chamber, the Races, peat cutting and shooting at Sappers Hill, the exhibition in the Gymnasium, tree planting at Arch Green, the presentation of prizes in the Town Hall, the dog trials and, finally, the departure of His Royal Highness. It is hoped also to broadcast the visit to Fox Bay.

Listeners in Stanley will have noticed the many improvements which have been made to various Government properties by the addition of a coat of paint. Very soon work will begin on painting the Town Hall and Gymnasium. On behalf of the Royal Visit Committee I would appeal to everyone in town to do what they can towards tidying up their properties. A coat of paint on a building and on a fence makes all the difference. Let us work together so that the Duke will leave with the impression that we are proud of the town and Colony in which we live.

Will you please help in this way.

Goodnight.



ANNOUNCEMENT.

To all Farm Managers.

It would be appreciated if all Farm Managers would inform the R/T Operator, Stanley, of the number of occupied houses on their farms, together with the number of single men employed.

This information is required to ascertain the number of programmes to be printed for the Royal Visit.

S.G. Trees.

Acting Colonial Secretary.

24th, 25th August

23rd August, 1956.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL.*Dear Sir*

On the occasion of the Royal Visit, the Governor is giving a luncheon party at Government House on Monday the 7th. January, 1957, to which certain members of the Committee of the Stanley Sports Association and their wives will be invited. Guests must be limited to eleven, however, because of seating difficulties.

I should be grateful, therefore, if you would submit confidentially eleven names for consideration by His Excellency. As the race meeting is a joint East-West effort, you may wish to include representatives of the West Sports Association.

No one should be included in your list who will be attending the luncheon the following day, to which five farmers and their wives, nominated by the S.O.A., will be invited. I am writing to Hugh about the S.O.A. luncheon, so perhaps you would discuss with him the names to be submitted.

*Yours sincerely,*  
*H. H. H.*

Acting Colonial Secretary.

The Hon. Mr. A.G. Barton, C.B.E., J.P.,  
Chairman, Stanley Sports Association,  
STANLEY.

23rd August, 1956.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL.

Dear Hugh

On the occasion of the Royal Visit, the Governor is giving a luncheon party at Government House on Tuesday, 8th of January, 1957, to which certain members of the Committee of the Sheepowners' Association and their wives will be invited. Guests must be limited to ten, however, because of seating difficulties.

I should be grateful, therefore, if you would submit confidentially ten names for consideration by His Excellency.

No one should be included in your list who will be attending the luncheon the previous day, to which eleven members of the Committee of the Stanley Sports Association and their wives will be invited. I am writing to Bartie about the S.S.A. luncheon, so perhaps you would discuss with him the names to be submitted.

Yours sincerely  
H. P. Gurney

Acting Colonial Secretary.

The Hon. Mr. Hugh Harding, J.P.  
Chairman, Sheepowners' Association,  
STANLEY.

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O.A.G.  
From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched : 23.8.56. Time : 0930 Received : : Time : :

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CONFIDENTIAL.

No: 182. Personal and confidential to Governor from Denton-Thompson begins:-

Your personal and confidential telegrams Nos: 121 and 124.  
Royal Visit.

Regret delay in replying but question has necessitated two visits to the West. Without going into details main problems of concern to all of us were:-

- 1) Probability that in the event great majority of Westers would elect to cometo Stanley for combined East West welcome to H.R.H. and joint sports.
- 2) Assuming (1) above problem of transport back in time not only in case of West Legislative Council Member and his wife and farm managers but of farm personnel and their families.
- 3) Quandary of Westers who have to decide whether to come into Stanley and be certain of participating in celebrations or to remain in West with possibility if weather conditions are particularly bad that H.R.H. may not be able to land.

Following your tel. No: 121 Executive Council Committee and West mainland farmers met at Fox Bay. Westers were very ready to co-operate but with one exception (Blake) were unanimous in view that if at all possible original plans should stand. Consequently Committee considered possible alternative of visit to Darwin which would utilise extended stay and which would give H.R.H. opportunity to see general layout of Falklands sheep station, recommencement of shearing and Darwin Boarding School but at the same time deprive nobody of pleasure of joining in combined East West welcome as we could return Goose Green personnel in time to start work before H.R.H.'s arrival. Gilruth agreed to co-operate.

Following your telegram No:124 we met again in West. It was agreed that:-

- 1) West visit should be to Fox Bay East and Clement will remain there to organise.
- 2) Fox Bay West, Chartres, Hill Cove, Port Stevens and we assume Roy Cove and Port Howard will co-operate with Clement in getting volunteers from those remaining behind to man the shed.
- 3) If acceptable to H.R.H. visit would be entirely informal one to working station and programme would be:-
  - (a) Land at 0930
  - (b) Drafting in pens.
  - (c) Walk through the settlement visiting new recreation hut and Government wireless station.
  - (d) Smoko at Clement's house



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From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

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(e) Shearing and baling.

(f) Depart noon with luncheon guests coming off at 1230.

Intervention of settlement visit and smoko is to provide time to man complete shearing floor and press if there is any shortage of labour. View is unanimously against bullock riding and suggestion of shearing competition strongly resisted for several reasons. Luncheon guests would be Clements and Greenaways who are remaining and Robertsons and presumably Millers if latter couples can be accommodated on Protector or Britannia for voyages out.

Much depends upon availability of F.I.D.S. ships. In 1947 247 people came in from West and we shall need Fitzroy, charter vessel and one F.I.D.S. ship for moving personnel unless Fitzroy is to make double voyages which will give rise to serious difficulties. Latest information here is still that Biscoe cannot be expected out until early in January. In that case Shackleton will be required for Dependencies visit and will not be available for East West personnel lift. Grateful to know as soon as possible whether there is any hope at all of Biscoe's sailing date being advanced and if so to what date. Provided there are no unforeseen snags on way out arrival of Biscoe in Stanley by 23rd December will do it. ends.

O.A.G.

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From ~~GOVERNOR~~ to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 23.8.56. Time: 1600 Received: : Time: :

No: 190. Following for Governor begins:-

Royal Visit programme now being drawn up for printing and distribution to ~~Camp~~ is essential. Grateful to learn whether Britannia will anchor Stanley Harbour or Port William as this will affect timing. Assume H.R.H. will leave Public Jetty 1700 hours second afternoon following recreation. This was departure time in original programme.

O.A.G.

GTC : PT

24th August, 1956.

Dear Dick,

We have received your message "Discount" signifying that most of your people will remain at Fox Bay to put on a show for H.R.H. Bill Blake has sent the same message so there is no doubt but that you will have adequate labour to man the shed. We'll go into details a little nearer the time.

One particular point has struck us here and that is that you and Babs will be missing the two-day sports meeting to be held on Friday and Saturday, the 4th and 5th January.

Why don't you both come in for the sports and fly back on Saturday evening after the sports are over? We can make the plane available as a priority flight. If it is too rough for flying, there is always Sunday and, if the worst comes to the worst, Monday or Tuesday.

We realise that you must be back in time to receive H.R.H. on Wednesday morning but surely there will be flying between Saturday evening and Tuesday.

Please think it over and let us know in due course. We'd all be delighted to see you both.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely  
John

W.H. Clement, Esq. J.P.  
Fox Bay East  
WEST FALKLAND.

23/8.

Dear Stan.

Page 1 Dog Trials Did you fix with Gack Gould?

Page 2 "In the Camp and on the West" !!

Haven't you yet realised that the West is the  
Camp and the East is just the East?

Transport by Sea We have not catered for Carcass,  
West Pt. and a few other islands

Page 4 Tote I don't think the Tote can cope with  
5 races in an hour, so perhaps you had better  
cut out the words "for the five races"

Page 5 Prize-giving "Major Events" really comprise  
all except Foot & Gymkane Events. Could you  
say "Some of the Major Events", so that if  
a chap wins 3 or 4 1st Prizes he need only  
come up once, and we could then up-grade  
some more 1st Prize-winners to make up the  
necessary number for the time allowed.

Page 6. Aerial Tour Apart from "Great Britain"  
98 and Port Louis (the first capital) need you  
mention the other farms by name? It does  
not require much more than hour to include  
Sancarlos - Ajax. DH School & Goose Green  
and I still think HRH should see the last  
two.

Philomel St. North O.K.

Otherwise v. good Harry me boy.

A.P.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

RECEIVED

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
7	Fox Bay East etat	13	0840	23.8.56.

To

Colonial Secretary Stanley

Regret unavoidable delay stop Fox Bay discount Port Howard floating  
writing

Clement.

23.8.56

Time RB/2

## GOVERNMENT TELETYPE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

RECEIVED

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
109	F. Bay	7	0900	21.8.56.

To

Phone Urgent Denton-Thompson Stanley

Definitely discount

Blake

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From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched : 27.8.56. Time : 1730 Received : 28.8.56. Time : 0900

No: 129. Personal & confidential.

Following from Governor begins:-

95 Your tel. No: 190 Royal Visit.

Britannia will anchor Stanley Harbour. Prince Philip will leave Government House after recreation period at 1735 hours arrive at Public Jetty 1738 hours, embark barge 1740 hours, reception on Britannia will begin 1915 hours terminating at 2100 hours. Farewells will be taken when guests leave reception. Britannia will sail forthwith for West.

2. Many thanks for your tel. No: 182. Visit to West. Proposals seem admirable. Prince Philip wishes visit to be most informal. Managers and wives from West can be accommodated in the Protector for voyage from East to West and will be invited to lunch on board Britannia but numbers will have to be limited and I suggest managers of major farms only. I am much obliged to Clement and still believe that visit to West is right please tell him so confidentially. He will have to act host to Prince Philip position for which many would give a lot.

3. If labour difficulty does not intervene "Biscoe" should be delivered 18th November leave Southampton 28th arrive Stanley 22nd December. ends.

GTC : PT

C.S.

Yours for Feb. - C. S. 11  
have back in d.c. to write to Clement  
as at 2. You will put B. S. and Harding  
in the picture.

G. G. 11

28.8.56.



PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL.

My Dear Wick,

(0/ I have had a personal telegram from the Governor about the Royal Visit.

He asks me to say how very much obliged he is to you for agreeing to have the visit at Fox Bay East and that he feels very strongly that it is the right thing in the circumstances.

If I might say so I would like to add a word of appreciation on behalf of all of us who are concerned with the Royal Visit planning. We are all very much hoping that when the day comes you will have perfect weather and, given that, we know the visit to Fox Bay will be a huge success. Trees will be getting in touch with you later over details but I might mention that Prince Philip has specially requested that the visit should be as informal as possible.

Yours sincerely,

(Intld.) D.T.

W. H. Clement, Esq., J.P.,  
Fox Bay East,  
WEST FALKLAND.

ADT/MC

Wentholme,  
Stanley.

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20th August 1956,

Dear Stan,

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With reference to your letter dated August 28rd, I suggest the following names for consideration:-

Mr and Mrs C. Robertson. - much of her boy?  
Mr and Mrs K.W. Luxten.     "     "     "     ?  
Mr and Mrs D. Barton.  
Mr and Mrs J.T. Clement.

I have discussed names to be submitted with Bertie and he is having some difficulty with his list. If he includes Mr and Mrs A Pitslugs and Mr and Mrs D. Pole-Evans some members of the S.S.A. Committee who probably think they ought to be invited will have to be left out.

If I were allowed to stand down Douglas and Mary could be included on my list.

Yours sincerely,

H.C. Harding

Chairman  
Sheep Owners Association.

The Honourable Mr S. Trees.  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

STANLEY HOUSE,  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

29th. August 1956

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

The Hon. S. G. Trees M.V.O.  
Acting Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley

Dear Sir,

In reply to your confidential letter of 25th. inst. I list below eleven names including mine own and my wife's, for consideration by His Excellency for inclusion in the luncheon party to be given at Government House on the 7th. January 1957.

As my wife and I already have the honour to be invited to dinner on R.Y. "Britannia" that same evening we would readily stand down in favour of another couple not so fortunate.

Yours faithfully,

*A.G. Darwin*

Mr. & Mrs. A. G. Barton

Chairman Stanley Sports Association

Mr. & Mrs. J. P. Bonner

Donor of Sancarlos Prize (S.S.A.)

\* Mr. & Mrs. A. Pitaluga

Donor of Salvador Cup (S.S.A.)

Mr. & Mrs. S. Miller

Hon. Sec. West Falkland Sports Assn.

\* Mr. & Mrs. D. M. Pole-Evans

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Mr. M. Shaw

Hon. Sec. Darwin Harbour Sports Assn.

Alternate to \* above

Mr. & Mrs. A. L. Hardy

Deputy Chairman Stanley Sports Assn.

Mr. & Mrs. M. G. Creece

Hon. Treasurer " " "

31st August, 1956.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL.

Although it is a little early at this stage to go into the finer details of the visit of H.R.H. to Fox Bay East, you would, no doubt, like to have some general idea of the programme. The O.A.G. told you in his recent letter that Prince Philip wishes the visit to be as informal as possible and this will be the keynote throughout.

Subject to weather conditions being favourable, H.R.H. will land at your jetty at 9.30 a.m. on the 9th January. As regards the actual landing, can you let me know the height of the end of your jetty at mean low water as this will have some bearing on the type of launch H.R.H. will use. We are looking into the state of the tide at 9.30 a.m. that day (and also 12 noon for departure).

You and Babs will receive H.R.H. at the jetty - H.E. will present you both. Also on the jetty to be presented will be the Greenaways. After presentation, Babs and Audrey Greenaway will retire as Babs will want to prepare for smoke. You will then take over the show although Greenaway will remain with the Royal Party.

First will come the drafting in pens, followed by a stroll through the settlement, visiting the new recreation hut and the Government Wireless Station. This will take about an hour and you then return to the house for smoke. Allow half an hour for this and then go on to the shearing and baling.

H.R.H. will leave you at noon and go back to the Royal Yacht. Luncheon guests will go off at 12.30. I cannot say at present who all the luncheon guests will be. There will be you and Babs, of course, but we must wait until H.E. returns before deciding upon the others as numbers will have to be limited. Those managers and their wives who come into Stanley for the Royal Visit and who are invited on board to lunch will travel from Stanley to Fox Bay in H.M.S. Protector which is accompanying the Royal Yacht.

One of us will come out to Fox Bay before the great day to run through procedure. Please tell Babs that she is not to worry. The visit is informal and both of you will find H.R.H. easy to talk to.

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There is one other point. Do you have a flagstaff at or near your house? It is likely that the Duke's Standard will be flown when he is in the Settlement. The decision will be taken by H.E. when he returns. If the Standard is to be flown, we'll have to arrange to send one out in H.M.S. Protector.

Yours sincerely  
Stan.

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W.H. Clement, Esq. J.P.  
Fox Bay East  
WEST FALKLAND.

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

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From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 5th September

Time: 1200

Received:

Time:

No. 201. Following for Governor begins Medals for Children  
Grateful if you would increase order by 270 repeat 270  
as now proposed to give souvenir to children below school  
age.

OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT.

P/L:MF

see 108.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:  
"CARLOS. PORTSTANLEY"

Port San Carlos,

108

Falkland Islands, I. A.

30th August 1956

The Royal Visit Committee,  
Stanley.

Dear Sirs,

I understood from Mr. Trees talk the other evening that only the school children are to receive medals commemorating the Duke's visit. May I suggest that all the children in the Colony be given some memento as was done at the time of the Coronation.

Yours sincerely,

Anne Cameron

yes. - forward.  
all his. ✓

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CUSTOMS AND HARBOUR DEPARTMENT.

STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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...3rd....September,.....1956...

TIDE INFORMATION.

Stanley.

7th. January, 1956.	at 9 a.m.	Two hours flood tide.
" " "	at 6 p.m.	One hour before low water.
" " "	at 10 p.m.	Half tide rising.
8th. January, 1956	at 5.45 p.m.	Four hour ebb tide.

Fox Bay (East)

9th. January, 1956	at 9.30 a.m.	One hour before low water.
" " "	at 12 noon	One and a half hours flood.

All are Neap-tides difference between high and low water approximately 5 feet.

The above information taken from Admiralty Tide and Tidal tables as given by Capt. F.White.

*L. J. Guinan*  
Collector of Customs &  
Harbour Master.



*Packe Bros. & Co. Limited*  
*Fox Bay Falkland Islands.*

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6th. September, 1956.

+Dear Star

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Thank you for your letters of 24th. & 31st. August and am sorry that there has been some delay in answering, but have been away in camp, the spring round-up has commenced and there will be quite a lot of stock work going on this month.

With regard to our coming in to Stanley, it might be all right but one can never say what the weather will do, and I feel that my place is here, and I am far from thinking that we are being cut out of any jollification. After all we are to have the honour of a visit from H.R.H. The Duke, and we shall have the great pleasure of acting as host and hostess to the Royal Party during their short stay in Fox Bay, and I am looking forward to this visit with the greatest of pleasure, as I know are all the people here in Fox Bay.

I definitely prefer to stay here to ensure that everything is as it should be prior to and during the Duke's visit. That is my point of view. Now for the Government, it would cause you and your staff a lot of trouble if things went wrong with the weather, whereas if I remain here that contingency will not arise, this I think is the sensible way to look at it.

Thank you for the rough outline contained in your letter of the 31st. re the various things that the Duke will see, and shall be very glad to see you when you come out.

The height of the top of the jetty to water level at low tide is six feet, and there are of course steps on the North side of the jetty.

I am sure that what you say of the Duke is correct, we shall find him a very easy person to talk to, he will I expect want to know about the general working of the farm, in this I think we are qualified to answer any questions he may wish to ask, and if the conversation strays to other subjects, he will I hope find us of average intelligence.

I have a couple of poles here of about 20 ft. and will have or planed and painted and rigged with a topmast, it will be fitted in a tabernacle, and I suggest that it be erected in front of this house.

Well, I think that is all for the time being, hope to see you some time.

Yours sincerely,

PAH  
Nick.