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## SUBJECT :

VISIT OF H.R.H. DUKE OF EDINBURGH 1957.

Exhibition at Gynnasium

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### CONNECTED FILES.

#### NUMBER AND YEAR.

1765	Visit of H.R.H. Duke of Edinburgh
1765/A	New issue of Postage Stamps
1765/B	Press Arrangements
1765/C	Dress
1765/D	Visit to South Georgia

1765/B

18th June

56.

The Chairman  
Sheep Owners Association,  
STANLEY.

Dear Sir,

I am directed to refer to the forthcoming visit to the Colony of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh on the 4th and 5th January, 1957, and to inform you that one of the events proposed by the Royal Visit Committee is the exhibition by the Sheep Owners Association of Falkland Island fleeces and gear, together with three or four pens each holding say three sheep of various types.

It is proposed also to hold in the Gymnasium, in conjunction with these exhibits, an exhibition of finished wool products to be arranged by the Spinners, Weavers & Dyers Guild.

The Town Council has consented to make the Gymnasium available for the exhibition.

I should be grateful to learn whether the Sheep Owners Association would cooperate in this proposal, in which event it is suggested that a small sub-committee of two or three members of the Association be appointed to meet and discuss details with the Royal Visit Committee.

Yours faithfully,

  
For ROYAL VISIT COMMITTEE.

1765/E.

18th June,

56.

The Chairman  
Spinners, Weavers & Dyers Guild  
STANLEY.

Dear Madam,

I am directed to refer to the forthcoming visit to the Colony of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh on the 4th and 5th January, 1957, and to inform you that one of the events proposed by the Royal Visit Committee is an exhibition of sheep and fleeces, which it is hoped will be arranged by the Sheep Owners Association, together with an exhibition of finished wool products by the Spinners, Weavers and Dyers Guild.

The Town Council has consented to make the Gymnasium available for the combined exhibition.

I should be glad to learn whether the Spinners, Weavers and Dyers Guild would cooperate in arranging an exhibition of this sort, in which event it is suggested that a small sub-committee of two members of the Guild be appointed to meet and discuss details with the Royal Visit Committee.

Yours faithfully,

  
for ROYAL VISIT COMMITTEE.

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

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3rd July, 1956.

Mr. S. G. Trees,  
Royal Visit Committee.

Dear Sir,

2 With reference to your letter 1785/E of the 18th June, 1956 regarding the forthcoming visit of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh, the Guild of Spinners, Weavers and Dyers would be pleased to arrange an Exhibition as suggested and our Committee have appointed Mrs. M. Creece and Mrs. H. Bennett as a sub-committee to discuss details.

Yours faithfully,

*M. F. Creece*

President.

2.15 today

A10

Discussed with Committee 3/8.

Plans outlined to them.  
They will go into details  
after their Sept. exhibition.

Idea is to have on view  
raw wool to finished products  
including members all spinning  
wheels & looms.

They suggest having exhibition  
open to public between 9:30 am -  
10:30 am and 2 pm to 3 pm on  
5th Jan. Committee will confer -  
then see how this fits in  
with S.O.A. plans.



23rd July,

56.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the meeting between a sub-committee of the Sheepraisers' Association and the Royal Visit Committee, held in this office on Saturday, 21st July, and to confirm the agreement reached on all matters connected with the proposed exhibition to be held in the Gymnasium on the occasion of the visit to the Colony of His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh, as follows:-

- (a) Sheep. (i) That two farms from the East and two from the West each be invited to send three sheep for exhibition.
- (ii) That invitations to exhibit be sent to Fort Howard (Corriedale cross), Roy Cove (Polworth), Darwin (Romney) and San Carlos or Fort San Carlos (crossed Romney-Corriedale).
- (iii) That in the event of any of these farms being unable to exhibit because of shipping or other difficulties, you will arrange for exhibits to be provided by other farms.
- (iv) That arrangements for the reception, sheltering, feeding and placing of the sheep in the pens to be installed in the Gymnasium, together with the subsequent removal of the sheep will be made by your sub-committee.
- (b) Pens. (i) That pens for the sheep referred to in (a) above will be supplied, erected and dismantled by the Agricultural Department.
- Supply pens* (ii) That each of the four pens, which are to be placed in the south-eastern corner of the Gymnasium, will be 6 feet by 6 feet by 3 feet 3 inches in height.
- (c) Fleeces (i) That you will arrange to invite twelve farms each to send three fleeces for exhibition on tables to be laid along the northern wall of the Gymnasium.
- (ii) That the fleeces be sent in bags to the warehouse of the Falkland Islands Company Limited prior to the exhibition, each bag being marked with the station initials.
- (iii) That your sub-committee will arrange for the collection of the fleeces from the warehouse and for displaying them in the Gymnasium on the appropriate tables which will be marked with the name of the farm.
- (iv) That each farm will be asked to send three fleeces of the same breed, e.g., Fort Howard - Corriedale, Roy Cove - Polworth, etc.
- (v) That Government will arrange to supply tables for exhibiting the fleeces, each farm to be given six feet of space, the tables being 3 feet 6 inches in width and covered with dark red or blue material.
- See minutes* (d) Gear. (i) That you will arrange for an open gear-making competition to be held, the first three pieces in the competition to be exhibited in the Gymnasium on the tables to be placed at the western end.
- (ii) That Government will provide the table, 12 feet in length, for exhibiting the gear.

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Subject to confirmation by His Royal Highness, the exhibition will be held in the Gymnasium between 4.47 and 5.47 p.m. on Friday, 4th January, 1957. I shall inform you when confirmation is received.

Held concurrently with the exhibition by the Sheepowners' Association will be an exhibition of finished wool products by the Spinners, Weavers and Dyers Guild, who are being allocated space on the western and southern sides of the Gymnasium. A rough sketch showing the allocation of space is enclosed for your information.

I should be grateful if you would inform me in due course of the farms sending sheep, also fleeces and the names of the prize winners in the gear-making competition.

I am to express to your sub-committee and to the Sheepowners' Association the appreciation of the Royal Visit Committee for your co-operation in making arrangements for the exhibition.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

Royal Visit Committee.

The Hon. Mr. N.K. Cameron, O.B.E., J.P.,  
FORT SAN CARLOS.

*Have on duty 2-3 pm 8th Jan in Bygon.  
with duty policeman 1800h - Bygon  
occasionally on Sunday with.*

28th July,

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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) Mow up inside the Battle Memorial enclosure, i.e., cut grass, remove grass growing between the stone paths surrounding the Memorial and, if necessary, lay extra stone chips.
- (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.

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23rd July, 1956.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the forthcoming visit to the Colony of N.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh on the 4th and 5th January, 1957, and to inform you that the Royal Visit Committee proposes to exhibit at one of the functions to be attended by His Royal Highness a number of black and white enlargements of typical scenes throughout the Colony.

It is understood that the Falkland Club is holding a photographic exhibition in the near future and it is thought that some of the photographs may be suitable for the purpose.

The writer would be glad to discuss this matter with you at your convenience.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient servant



S.C. Trees.  
ROYAL VISIT COMMITTEE.

The Secretary  
Falkland Club  
STANLEY.

Ref:- 1765

PORT STANLEY  
8th. August 1955

Dear Mr. Trees,

With reference to your letter of 23rd. July to the Hon. Secretary, Falkland Club, which has been passed to me by Mr. Ikkint: may I, Sir, on behalf of the organisers, extend a hearty welcome to any members of your Committee who would like to visit our Exhibition?

If not convenient on the "day of judgment", that is, Saturday 25th. August. at 3.00p.m., we would be glad to arrange a special showing.

Judging by the interest shown to date, a wide and varied selection of prints should be on view, and it should be possible to make this an annual event.

I hope that the above will fit in with your arrangements, and remain

yours respectfully,

*R. J. B. Champion*

Falkland Club Exhibition  
Sub-Committee.

*now 5.30 Saturday.  
Discuss with Champion. He will arrange  
mounting & enlarging.*

*J.*

27th August, 1956.

*Dear Champion,*

On behalf of the Royal Visit Committee I wish to thank you and your Sub-Committee for the arrangements you made to enable us to see the photographic exhibition on Saturday.

It is hoped that there will be sufficient space available in the Gymnasium when the exhibition organised by the Sheepowners' Association and the Spinners, Weavers and Dyers Guild is held on Monday, the 7th January, to show His Royal Highness a selection of photographs of local views and bird life.

I wonder therefore, whether the exhibitors of the following photographs would be willing to make their prints available to the Royal Visit Committee:

No. 63	R.M.S. Fitzroy
11	Wickham heights
51	Road to the Isles
14	One more river
77	Great Britain
6	Darwin School
48	King Penguin
47	Mollymauks
45	Watchful
50	Gentoo Penguins
15	Rockhopper
57	Early Morning

Perhaps you would be so good as to let me know in due course. The photographs will not be required until early December.

R.J.B. Champion, Esq.  
STALLEY.

*Yours sincerely,*  
*R.J.B. Champion*

27th August

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Sir,

(4) I am directed to refer to my letter of the 23rd July, in connection with the proposed exhibition to be held in the Gymnasium on the occasion of the Royal Visit and to inform you that confirmation has now been received that His Royal Highness will visit the exhibition from 4.47 to 5.47 on Monday, 7th January, 1957, instead of on Friday the 4th January.

Although the Gymnasium will not be open to the general public during that particular afternoon, it is thought that the public should be afforded the opportunity of seeing the various exhibits arranged by the Sheepowners' Association and the Spinners, Weavers and Dyers Guild.

I should be glad to learn therefore, whether you see any objection to the exhibition being open to the public between 2 and 3 p.m. on Tuesday, the 8th January? It is not proposed that farm managers should be in attendance at the time although they may wish a farm representative to be present. I may add that the Spinners, Weavers and Dyers Guild has agreed to be in attendance during this hour.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

The Hon. N. E. Cameron, O.B.E., J.P., Acting Colonial Secretary.  
PORT SAN CARLOS/

11  
5th September, 1956.

Dear Norman,

You will recall that when the S.O.A. Sub-Committee appointed to organise the Exhibition in the Gymnasium met with the Royal Visit Committee some weeks ago it was agreed that the four pens, each containing three sheep, should be placed in the S.E. corner of the Gymnasium and that the twelve tables containing the fleeces, should be arranged along the northern wall. At a recent meeting of the Royal Visit Committee Hugh Harding suggested that the fleeces from the four farms providing the sheep should be laid on tables immediately next to the respective sheep pens. This will mean that the Farm Managers concerned would be able to explain to H.R.H. the sheep they are showing and at the same time let H.R.H. see the fleeces.

We all think that this is a good idea. Would you have any objection to this proposed arrangement which I have drawn roughly on the accompanying sketch?

When replying would you also be so good as to say whether there would be any objection on your part to the Gymnasium being open to the public between 2p.m. and 3p.m. on the 8th January. No formal ceremonies have been arranged during this afternoon and the public will be able to see the same Exhibition as attended by H.R.H.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



The Hon. Mr. N.K. Cameron, O.B.E., J.P.,  
Port San Carlos.

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Port San Carlos,  
Falkland Islands, S.A.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:  
"CARLOS, PORTSTANLEY"

September 5th 1956

The Acting Colonial Secretary,  
STANLEY.

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Your REF. No. 1675 27/8/56

Sir,

There can be no objection to the Exhibition being opened to the public after H.R.H. has visited it. It might command a greater attendance if the opening was postponed until the day following the departure of H.R.H. but possibly this might not allow some of the campers to see it. If it is suggested that the sheep are to be held in the Gymnasium then of course it would have to be open on two consecutive days.

I am,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

*N. K. Pitt Campbell*

*M. Tain*  
*09/11*  
*11/11*

*Ackd.*  
*Rm*  
*16/9/56*

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:  
"CARLOS, PORTSTANLEY"

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Port San Carlos,  
Falkland Islands, S.A.

September 9th 19 56

Dear Stan,

Thanks for yours of the 5th. It was disappointing that we didn't see you, we had baked a cake.

I quite agree that it is better to have the sheep and the fleeces alongside one another. There is only one small point that might be worth making; H.R.H. is to be shown a map of the Colony after he has been round, seen the sheep and wool, and spoken to the managers. It might be a better idea to let him see it before he goes round, if the map could be conveniently situated near the entrance. He would then have a clearer picture in his mind and a few more talking points.

Yours sincerely,

Norman

Ackd

3rd October

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Madam,

18-1765  
I am directed to refer to my letter of the 26th April, in connexion with the request of the Guild of Spinners, Weavers and Dyers that they might be allowed to present a hand-made sweater to His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh on the occasion of his visit to the Colony next January.

The request was taken up personally with His Royal Highness when His Excellency the Governor was in London. I am to inform you, however, that it is the wish of His Royal Highness that no gifts be offered during his visit.

I am, Madam,  
Your obedient servant,

  
for Royal Visit Committee.

Mrs. M.F. Creece,  
President, Guild of Spinners, Weavers & Dyers,  
STANLEY.

RT Message to N.V. Cannon 7/12

Grateful if you could let me have names of 12 firms exhibiting fleeces in gymnasium. Please say whether managers will be present and give names of head shepherds or foremen who will be in attendance.

Yours

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7th December, 1956.

KC PHONE TREES STANLEY

(15)

SECRETARY SHEEP OWNERS CAN SUPPLY LIST OF THE TWELVE  
FARMS STOP I SUGGEST HE SHOULD BROADCAST A MESSAGE  
CALLING FOR THE FURTHER INFORMATION YOU REQUIRE

CAMERON

*Mr Creech is obtaining information requested.*

*P. 10/12*

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

31st December 1956.

Hon. Mr S. G. Trees.

Royal Visit Committee

Dear Sir -

The Committee of the Guild have made the following arrangements for the Exhibition to be held jointly with the Sheepowners Association, on the occasion of the visit by His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh to the Colony.

After myself, Mrs Bob. Rennie our vice president will be presented. Then three spinners, Mrs Stan Bennett, Mrs W. Binnie & Mrs Hannah Smith - West & Child spinners, at their wheels. Lynda Howatt, Joyce Howatt & Robina Carter & Marie Watson. Demonstrating preparation of wool will be 3 other children, Norma Porter - Glenda Pearson & Andrea Peck. (The children, who were chosen by ballot, will all wear uniform aprons)

Weaving at the looms will be Mrs. Sellman & Norman Morrison on a stall otherwise arranged with

School childrens work.

1st In attendance at the table displays will be  
1st Showing dressed & combed skins, goods made with  
them. Samples of local sizes etc.

Mrs G. Bowles. Mrs G. Stewart. Mrs S. McKay.

2nd Knitted goods.

Mrs D. Hardy. Mrs T. Morris. Mrs R. Steen.

3rd Variety of finished goods.

Mrs L. G. Goss. Miss Jenny Lindsey.

Mrs W. Tincey.

A rehearsal will be held in the gymnasium. This  
Friday - Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> at 3 P.M. So that all members will know  
their places & the committee will see how much  
space wheels & equipment will require.

Yours faithfully.

A. Creece.

President

Note

Rehearsal at 17 & 18 attended -

Afterside has been presented by H.E., Mr  
Cress will present Mr Reiver, the Vice President.  
There will be no other presentations unless H.E. it  
stops at any of the wheels, rooms or stages.

If H.E. it speaks to anyone when he stops the  
person concerned will be presented by Mr  
Cress. All have been told what to do.

S. 7/12

EXHIBITION, 7th JANUARY, 1957.

SHEEP & FLEECES.

Falkland Islands Co.,Ltd.  
Darwin.

J.P.Oliver - Section Manager.

J.Middleton - Hd.Shepherd.

Fert San Carlos Ltd.

N.K.Cameron - Manager.

M.Morrison - do.

J.L.Waldron Ltd.,  
Port Howard.

D.M.Pole Evans - Manager.

S.Lee - do.

(and would like Foreman V.L.Summers to attend also)

Bertrand & Felton Ltd.  
Roy Cove.

S.Miller - Manager.

W.Alazia - do.

FLEECES.

Holmsted Blake & Co.,Ltd.  
Hill Cove.

W.W.Blake - Manager.

D.Harvey - substitute  
for Hd.Shepherd.

San Carlos Sheep Farming Co.Ltd.

G.C.R.Bonner - Manager.

G.J.Alazia - Head Shepherd.

Falkland Islands Co.,Ltd.  
North Arm.

R.G.Vinson - Section Manager.

E.Morrison - do.

Falkland Islands Co.Ltd.  
Port Stephens.

C.H.Robertson - Camp Manager.

G.Butler Sen. do.

Anson & Luxton, Chartres.

H.Binnie - Foreman and R.Hewitt - Head Shepherd.

Dean Bros.Ltd. Pebble Is.

R.J.Walmsley - Manager. (only)

Estate H.J.Pitaluga,  
Rincon Grande.

Miss D.J.Pitaluga - Manager.

S.J.McKay - Foreman.

Packe Bros. & Co.Ltd.  
Fox Bay Esat.

Not exhibiting.

# The Falkland Islands Company, Limited. 21

(INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1851.)

REGISTERED 1902.

AGENTS FOR LLOYDS.

*Stanley,*

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" VIA RADIO.

31st December, 1956.

Stan -

The latest position regarding Horse Gear and Fleeces is as follows -

FLEECES. San Carlos. G.J. Alazia not now attending.

GEAR.	Exhibiting:-	J.M. Morrison, San Carlos. Is able to attend (? required).
		V. Goodwin, Hill Cove. } D. McKay, Hill Cove. } Not attending.

*Position*

*Director* *J. Bruni* ✓ *over*  
*R. Hewitt* *head sheep*

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Port Stanley  
22nd January 1957.

Dear Mr. Trees,

With reference to the photographs on view in the Gymnasium during the Royal Visit, three of the exhibitors have asked to be allowed to keep one print each. Those involved are:-

Kelp Goose; Mollymauks; Rock-hopper Penguin.

The people concerned are, of course, quite willing to pay the cost of materials, estimated at 15/-.

I have, in organising the Exhibition, incurred some expenses, the store slips for which are enclosed.

Here, as requested, are details of those who prepared prints or lent negatives:-

Mr. W. Thackeray	Mollymauks	New Island.
„	King Penguin	Sparrow Cove.
„	Gentoo	„ „
„	Road to the Isles	New Island.
Mr. B. Champion	Sheep-gathering.	Estancia, E. Falkland.
„	Wickham Heights	Passe Grande, E. F.
„	Rock-hopper Penguin.	Kidney I.
Mr. J. Fuller	Darwin School.	
Mr. R. Tapper	'Great Britain.'	
Mr. J. Newing	Upland Geese	
Mr. A. Alcock	Kelp Goose	
Mr. J. Bain	Cliffs, Beaver Island.	

in addition, Mr. V. Harrison very kindly titled the mounts as a set.

I understand that proofs of our exposures over the Royal Visit are to be prepared 'en masse' in the U.K., where I am shortly returning; would it be possible for Mr. Alcock and myself to have a look at the proofs before they are sent out, as they will not be in Stanley before we leave?

Yours sincerely,

*R. B. Champion*

Reply at 23.

14th February, 1957.

Dear Mr. Champion,

22.

Thank you for your letter of 22nd January, 1957, with reference to the photographs exhibited in the Gynasium on the occasion of the Royal Visit.

There is no objection to three of the exhibitors retaining one of their respective prints and in view of the co-operation of all concerned no charge will be made for materials.

As regards incidental charges incurred in organising the exhibition, I note you say that you were enclosing store slips with your letter under reference. These were not received, however. If you will send them along to me payment will be made accordingly.

We have been informed that the proofs of all photographs taken during the Royal Visit are coming in the next "Fitzroy" from Montevideo. If, however, you are leaving in the next northbound trip there is no objection to your seeing a selection of the proofs in England. I do not know yet whether a set of proofs are being retained by the developers. I think perhaps that this is unlikely as they were asked to number the negatives in accordance with the numbered proofs to facilitate the placing of orders. The Crown Agents for Oversea Governments and Administrations, 4, Millbank, London, S.W.1., are making the necessary arrangements on behalf of Government. If you call upon them, or write to them, they will be able to tell you where the proofs may be seen if they are available.

/Your

R.J.B. Champion, Esq.,  
STANLEY.

RCI/VM

Your order for two albums has been noted and these will be sent direct from the suppliers to your address in Somerset. It would be appreciated if you would make payment before you leave the Colony as it is intended that Government should pay for the albums and be reimbursed by the person who have placed orders.

Again with many thanks for your co-operation on the photographic side during the Royal Visit.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) S.G. Trees

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