

**CONFIDENTIAL.**

C.S.

1927  
~~1924~~

No.

8/27

*H. E. the Governor.*

SUBJECT.

1927

12 June

Previous Paper.

Children's Christmas Party, 1927

MINUTES.

1. Draft Ltr by H. E. the Governor to Brig. Gen. Sir Samuel Wilson K.C.M.G.

2. Note by Col. Colonial Secretary, 13 June 1927

5-3. Letter to Brig. Gen. Sir Samuel Wilson K.C.M.G. 15 June 1927

92. Letter found at school by J.S.

specimen

A.H.

Jul

15.6.27

I have written priority to the Com. Agents  
of 400 suitable presents, Santa Claus

A.H.

by 15.9.27

by 15.6.27

99 of 6 July, 1927

y. 2.

J. N. 99 submitted + y. 2. 5 repetition.

Jul

7. 7. 27.

S. H. 27. 7. 27.

Letters to all Camp Managers etc

15. 7. 27

24 8-7

4  
6 25. 10. 27

12 25. 7. 27.

Private correspondence exchanged between  
His Excellency, Lord Curzon regarding 9. 13  
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Submitted.

G. H. 13

for C. S.

28 Sept

S. H. 28  
9



Hm C.S.

Thank-you. For three replies, please.

- 1) Demi-official to Mr. Thornton
- 2) official to Crown Agents Country  
 team for ~~London~~ <sup>warning</sup> fees,  
 and enclosing my cheque.
- 3) P.S. & Co. for free freight

Please bring up on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> for me  
to draw up arrangements re the Xmas

Once Paid. All.

11/27  
10/27

- Letter to Mr. H.C. Thornton, 14<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1927. 28-29  
 " " P.S. & Co., 14<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1927 30.  
 " " Crown Agents, 14<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1927. 31.

y.p.  
D/o letter to Mr. Thornton returned  
for y.p.'s signature.

2. Will y.p. kindly let me have a  
cheque for attachment to be on file of  
Feb 36 ?

Yp

17.10.27

Hm C.S.

Thank-you. cheque sent

10/27 All

7 1. 11. 27

6 18. 10. 27

- 32 Report of Stowage 12 Sept 1927
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- 36 Minute from Governor 15th Oct 1927
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ye. but 37 submitted with reference to  
 vol 36. I think but it is refer to

assume that the number of children to  
 be expected at the Party will not exceed

400.

J. H. D.

26. 10. 27.

How C.S.

Please send C.E. for timber taken. Will you bring up  
 before I go to S. Georgia. Please ask Mrs. Congdon,  
 Mrs. Home & Mrs. Guerin if any use from committee  
 to keep. Also Mr. Summers (approx) price he would  
 charge to provide tea for 400. I hope it will be  
 the most obtainable I shall have to fix my schedule  
 in consequence!

$\frac{27}{10}$

Ad.

vol 38

ye. Letter from W. Summers submitted.

The price works out at about  $\frac{1}{3}$ <sup>s</sup>  
 per head which is in my opinion

Very reasonable. I have told Mr. Sumner  
to to check with the necessary preparations  
for the 24<sup>th</sup> December.

Just

28.10.27

Honi C.S

Thank you. The tea must be done in one  
sitting in the big hall. I have crackers  
etc. The Xmas tree and presents can then  
be arranged on the stage and shown at  
the psychological moment. I will have a band  
to make "merric music"! The numbers can be  
checked as the children enter the hall.

2.

The printers might prepare numbered tickets  
1 to 400. Each child (not adult) must obtain  
one of these when they enter the Hall to  
enable them to compete for H.M.'s presents.

The winning numbers will be inserted in  
sealed envelope & locked in your safe a few days beforehand. They will  
only be known to me. I will read them  
out at tea, & the child with the lucky number  
will come forward & get her prize.  
A.H.

28/10/27

Telegram from H.B.M. Minister, Monte Video, 28.10.27. 39.  
" " " " " " 29.10.27. 40.

y.g. with 40-39 & 39

2. Mr. Vayle, W. Horn, Mrs. Brown & I

Mr. Levin low kindly consented to send

C.S.O. No. 98/27.

Inside Minute Paper.

Sheet No. 4.

as an organizing Committee for the  
 party. J. P. will write to meet them  
 before departure for South Africa and I  
 will beq. 10. 11. 27, to arrange a meeting.  
 3. I will have 400 tickets  
 prepared accordingly.

J.P.S.

31. 10. 27

Home C.S.

Thank you.

A.H.

31/10/27

J.P. 10. 11. 27

J.P. 1. 11. 27

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- 41-42. Minute from Supdt. T. S. 2/12/27.
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  - 47. Telegram from Mr. Clement; 5/12/27.

Y.E.

Submitted for information

A.J.G.  
for C.S.

6/12/27

Hon C.S.

Thank you. I am very

sorry they can't come.

6/27  
12

A.H.

Telegram from Westers. 8<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1927. 48.

Y.E.

Red. 48 submitted. It is disappointing that no children are coming from the West  
Saskland.

Draft notices submitted for  
favors of Your Excellency's  
approval.

A.J.G.  
for C.S.  
9/12/27.

Re Mr. Daniel.

Yes. It is very sad, and  
Santa Claus will be  
disappointed too! Approved.

MA

9/27  
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J.P. Draft account of No F.I. Magazine  
submitted for J.P.'s approval before passing  
to the Editor.

J.P.

4. 1. 28.

14th C.S.  
Genl-Gen. It is a very good account  
J.P.  
4/28.

J.P. Drafts submitted.

J.P.  
19. 1. 28.

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From His Excellency the Governor

6. copies

to the Honourable the Colonial Secretary.

My dear Sir Samuel,

I have written to you  
officially about my arrival here,  
and will write to you by next  
mail giving you my first impression  
of local conditions.

I hope to give a <sup>christmas</sup> ~~party~~  
Tree party at the end of this year  
to which I shall invite all ~~the~~  
children of the Falkland Islands.  
I shall have to import a tree  
from the Argentine as there is  
nothing suitable around <sup>Stanley.</sup> ~~here~~ I  
doubt very much if some of  
the children have ever seen a  
Real tree!

As you know the people  
out here are very loyal, and I  
was wondering whether it would  
be possible for the Queen and  
Princess Mary to give a doll  
each, or something similar, for  
the girls, and the Prince a  
knife

Brigadier-General  
Sir Samuel Wilson K.C.M.G.  
etc. etc. etc.

*Signature*

For the boys. These three  
presents could be raffled  
for.

I am sure it would create  
a great impression, and be  
remembered for years to come.

IF it is possible to arrange  
~~for the event~~  
this could the <sup>gifts</sup> presents be <sup>despatched</sup> sent  
direct to the Crown Agents  
with instructions <sup>that they are to</sup>  
be sent with the presents they  
are buying for me. It would  
add enormously to the value of  
the gifts if a small card  
was attached with the Royal  
donors' signatures. I have to write  
<sup>now as the mails are so uncertain</sup>  
These I only ask, of course,  
on the condition that my request  
is in order. I cannot but think  
that Her Majesty will be pleased  
to give such intense pleasure  
to her small loyal subjects living  
so far away under trying conditions.  
The party will be opened  
by a real life Santa Claus.

with kindest regards  
yours very sincerely

Handwritten vertical text on the right margin, possibly a signature or reference.

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Please File. I have ordered  
Presents For 400.  
13/6/27 J.N.

(2)

There are approximately 300  
children in St. Paul's.

2. Not more than an  
additional 50 come in for the  
Christmas tree.

3. I am of opinion that  
not more than 50 would be  
likely to come in for a  
Christmas Tree party but 400  
children in all would be a  
safe outside number. J.N.  
13/6/27

FALKLAND ISLANDS.  
CONFIDENTIAL.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
STANLEY,  
15th June, 1927.

My dear Sir Samuel,

I have written to you officially about my arrival here, and will write to you by next mail giving you my first impression of local conditions.

I hope to give a Christmas Tree party at the end of this year to which I shall invite all the children of the Falkland Islands. I shall have to import a tree from the Argentine as there is nothing suitable around Stanley. I doubt very much if some of the children have ever seen a real tree.

As you know the people out here are very loyal, and I was wondering whether it would be possible for the Queen and Princess

Mary/

MEMBER-GENERAL  
SAMUEL WILSON, K.C.M.G.,  
ETC., ETC., ETC.

Mary to give a doll each, or something similar, for the girls, and the Prince a knife for the boys. These three presents could be raffled for.

I am sure it would create a great impression, and be remembered for years to come. If it is possible to arrange this could the gifts be despatched direct to the Crown Agents with instructions that they are to be sent with the presents they are buying for me. It would add enormously to the gifts if a small card was attached with the Royal donors' signatures. I have to write now as the mails are so uncertain.

I only ask, of course, on the condition that my request is in order. I cannot but think that Her Majesty will be pleased to give such intense pleasure to her small loyal subjects living so far away under trying conditions.

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The party will be opened by a real  
life Santa Claus.

With kindest regards.

Yours very sincerely.



GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

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Government House,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.  
6th July, 1927.

To the children of the Falkland Islands and their  
Dependencies :

I have been informed by ~~Father~~ Santa Claus that he will visit Stanley, in person, on Christmas Eve next.

I have much pleasure, therefore, in inviting all of you, girls and boys, who are sixteen or under, to a Christmas Tree Party which will be held in the Town Hall from 4 to 8<sup>p.m.</sup> on December 24th next.

I am sending my invitation now because some of you live a long way off and it takes many weeks for letters to reach you.

Please ask your parents, if it is possible, to send a reply to my Aide-de-Camp so that I may know how many are coming, but whether I receive replies or whether I do not I shall be delighted to welcome you all.

Father <sup>Christmas</sup> ~~Santa Claus~~ is very busy on Christmas Eve, and it is not often he can spare the time to come to us in person, so we must all do our best to give him a hearty welcome.

*Arnold Hudson*  
Governor.

C/8/27.

15th July, 27.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose a copy of a Government Notice which has been issued inviting all the children in the Colony who are sixteen or under to a Christmas Tree Party to be given by the Governor on the 24th of December, 1927, in the Town Hall, Stanley.

2. I am to say that His Excellency will be pleased if you will be good enough to make this known to all employed on your station and hopes that as many as possible will be present at the occasion.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*J. B.*  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

S. Miller, Esq., J.P.,  
Manager, Hill Cove,  
WEST FALKLAND.

*at All Camp Managers  
25 Jul 27*

CIRCULAR LETTER AS IN RED(7) ADDRESSED TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE.

East Falklands.

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J. Cletheroe, Esq.  
C. Bender, Esq.  
D.R. Smith, Esq.  
A. Pitaluga, Esq.  
T.G. Slaughter, Esq., J.P.

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Salvador.  
Port Louis, N.  
Bluff Cove  
Moody Valley  
Johnson's Harbour  
Rincon Grande.  
Darwin.

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H.V. Cobb, Esq.  
H. Clement, Esq, J.P.  
S. Shannon, Esq.  
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J. Robertson, Esq, J.P.  
M. Robson, Esq., J.P.

Hill Cove.  
Port Howard.  
Fox Bay, East.  
Roy Cove.  
Spring Point  
The Chartres.  
Port Stephens.  
Fox Bay, West.

Islands.

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C.C. Wessell, Esq  
J. Hansen, Esq.  
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R.N. Bound, Esq.  
G. Dean, Esq.  
Mrs. H. Ricketts,

Bleaker Island.  
Lively "  
Weddell "  
New "  
Passage & Split Is.  
Carcass Island.  
West Point "  
Saunders "  
Pebble "  
Sea Lion "

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Add.      *Manayon*  
*Fitzroy*  
*North Arm*  
*Trial Inlet*  
*San Carlos South*  
*San Carlos North*

*15/7/27*

COPY.

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Letter from the Earl of Airlie to  
His Excellency A. W. Hodson, Esq., C.M.G.

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Cortachy Castle,

Kirriemuir,

N. B.

Aug. 8, 1927.

Dear Hodson,

I hear from the Queen's Private Secretary that Her Majesty hopes to be able to meet your wishes and will go into the matter on her return to London. So I hope all will go as arranged.

It sounds a fascinating place and when a really long holiday seems possible, there is nothing I'd like better - only I suppose it takes a bit of time getting there and back. But in many ways I envy you - what a change from the Sudan!

My best wishes to you and success to all your work and a thousand thanks for the invitation.

Yours sincerely,

Airlie.

Arnold Hodson, Esq., C.M.G.,  
Government House, Sudan

COPY.

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Letter from the Assistant Private Secretary to  
The Queen to Arnold Hodson, Esq., C. M. G.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE.

Personal.

11th August, 1927.

Dear Mr. Hodson,

With reference to your letter to Lord Airlie of June 15th last, I am commanded by The Queen to forward to you herewith a parcel of gifts from Her Majesty for your Christmas Tree for the children of the Falkland Islands. I am sending this box through the Colonial Office.

May I be allowed to add that the Queen is making a special exception in your case, and naturally it would not be possible for Her Majesty to send presents to all the Government Houses. Will you, therefore, kindly use your discretion in keeping the matter quiet?

Yours very truly,

Gerald Chichester,

Assistant Private Secretary  
to The Queen.

Arnold Hodson, Esq., C.M.G.,  
Government House, Falkland Islands.

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COPY.

Letter from the Assistant Private Secretary  
to The Queen to The Earl of Airlie.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

11th August, 1927.

Dear Airlie,

In Harry Verney's absence, I have dealt with the attached correspondence and The Queen has decided to send a parcel of toys to Mr. Hodson.

I am sending Her Majesty's gifts direct to Mr. Hodson through the Colonial Office, so that you need have no further bother about the matter.

I hope you are having a nice time in Scotland.

Yours sincerely,

G. Chichester.

The Earl of Airlie, M.C.,

Cortachy Castle,

Kirriemuir, Forfarshire.

COPY.

Letter from the Earl of Airlie to His  
Excellency A. W. Hodson, Esq., C. M. G.

Cortachy Castle,  
Kirriemuir,

N. B.

Aug. 13, 1927.

Dear Hodson,

This seems alright! I am so glad  
and hope they will be nice ones (the toys)  
Good luck!

Yours

Airlie.

COPY.

Letter from Lieut.-Col. H. V. B. de Satge,  
C. M. G., D. S. O., to Arnold Hodson, Esq., C.M.G.

Colonial Office,

Downing Street, S.W.1.

15th August, 1927.

Dear Hodson,

The Queen's Private Secretary has sent me a box containing some Christmas presents for the children of the Falkland Islands, and also a letter. I have handed them to the Department to forward at the first opportunity.

Yours sincerely,

H. V. de Satge.

Arnold Hodson, Esq., C. M. G.



ORIGINAL SHIPPING ADVICE.

The Crown Agents for the Colonies have to report the undermentioned shipment:—

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ENCLOSURES:—

~~Bill of Lading~~ *Ship receipt*  
~~Suppliers Invoice~~  
 Packing particulars—as detailed below.

18.8.27.

Reference **S/Falklands 5/4237**

~~Indent No~~ C.O.Lr. of 17.8.27

4237

Special A/c.

Marked

Arnold Hudson Esq., C.M.G.  
 H.E. Governor  
 Falkland Island

Dept.

Consignee

NOS.	CASES.	BALES.	WEIGHT.	DESCRIPTION OF STORES.
HC 6885			27 lbs.	

Steamer *Falk*  
 From *Cardiff* Dock

Cost of packing and delivery f.o.b. (Description of packing) Super: feet at In Crate per foot

£ s. d.  
 NO CHARGE  
 £

NOS.	CASES.	BALES.	PACKING PARTICULARS.
HC 6885			NO CHARGE 1 parcel from H.M. The Queen.  Measurements 2/1, 1/3, 1/1.

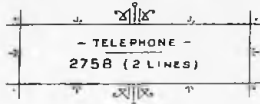
*The Honble  
 The Colonial Secretary  
 Post Stanley*

All packages should be weighed immediately on receipt and before a receipt is given to the Shipping Coy., and, if the weight of any package differs to any appreciable extent from the weight marked on the outside of the package and given in these packing particulars, the B/L should be endorsed to that effect.

Telegraphic Address: "DUNCAN, CARDIFF."

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J. T. DUNCAN & CO.  
Steamship & Sailing Ship  
Brokers.



TELEPHONE  
2758 (2 LINES)

SCOTT'S CODE 1885-1906.

F. T. DUNCAN.  
J. W. DUNCAN.

Portfield House,  
Docks,  
Cardiff.

AND AT  
132, DOCK STREET, NEWPORT, MON.  
AND  
BARRY DOCK.

10th AUG. 1927.

S.S. "Palk" Barry Dock.

Received on board the above vessel 1 Case  
addressed to the Governor, Falkland Islands.  
Measurements 2'1" x 1'4" x 1'1" Weight 20 lbs

From Messrs J. T. Duncan & Co., Agents for  
The Crown Agents for the Colonies.

London.

Linnor Andersen  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mate

HILL COVE,

FALKLAND ISLANDS, September 16<sup>th</sup> 1927

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge ~~the~~ your letter of July 15<sup>th</sup> enclosing a Government Notice, inviting all children in the Colony to a Christmas Tree.

Please thank His Excellency on behalf of the children on this Station, but I am afraid it will be impossible for any to attend.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Sydney Miller J.P.  
Manager.

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The Hon.

Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.



Dort Howard

West Falklands.

August 30th. 1927

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your C/8/27 of July 15th. last.

His Excellency's invitation has been posted and I beg to express gratitude to him on behalf of the people on this farm for same.

I am Sir,

Your obedient Servant

*R. B. Roberts*

The Honourable

J. M. Ellis

Acting Colonial Secretary

Stanley.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

28th September, 1927.

Dear Mr. Chichester,

I am very grateful for your letter of August 11th., and the toys have arrived safely.

Will you please convey to The Queen my humble thanks and deep gratitude for Her Majesty's kindness in forwarding the presents.

It will be a red-letter day in the lives of the children out here, and one they will never forget, and I will not fail to send you later a full account of the Xmas tree.

I will not tell any other Governors about it but, of course, in these Islands

it/

GERALD CHICHESTER, ESQ.,  
ETC., ETC., ETC.  
BUCKINGHAM PALACE, S.W.

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it will be the one subject of conversation for many months afterwards, and it will certainly be mentioned in the local Church Magazine but I take it you will have no objection to this unless I hear to the contrary ?

Again with many thanks for your kindness and trouble.

Yours very truly,

ARNOLD HODSON.

It will be a wonderful thing to see  
lines of the pathway, and when you see  
they will never forget, and I will not fail  
to send you later a full account of the  
Mass tree.

I will not tell any other persons  
about it but, of course, in these islands

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
STANLEY,

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

28th September, 1927.

Dear Airlie,

Very many thanks for your two letters from Cortachy dated August 8th and 13th. It was kind of you troubling about the Xmas tree, and Her Majesty has sent ten presents. The children will be pleased. It will be a red-letter day in their lives and one they will never forget. I am more grateful to you than I can say.

We went down to South Georgia the other day. The Reindeer gave us great sport and the ski-ing was excellent.

The whalers are marvellous sea-men. You must really come out and hunt whales with me. We will let you shoot one yourself, although I'm afraid the head will be

too/

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
THE EARL OF AIRLIE, M.C.,  
ETC., ETC., ETC.

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too large to take home as a trophy !  
January and February are the best months.

Please give my kind regards to Sir  
Lionel Cust and with best wishes to your-  
self.

Yours

ARNOLD HODSON.

THE GREAT BRITAIN  
THE GREAT BRITAIN, M.C.,  
1904.



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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

29th September, 1927.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Dear de Satge,

So many thanks for your  
letter of August 13th.

The toys and letter arrived quite  
safely.

The children out here will be pleased.

Yours sincerely,

ARNOLD HODSON.

LT.-COLONEL H. V. de SATGE, C.M.G.,  
COLONIAL OFFICE,  
S.W.

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ALL COMMUNICATIONS  
TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE  
CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES.  
THE DATE OF THIS LETTER BEING QUOTED  
AND THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE: 118 G/Falkland Islands  
TELEGRAMS. "CROWN, LONDON." 2715.  
TELEPHONE. 7730 VICTORIA.

4, MILLBANK,  
WESTMINSTER,  
LONDON, S.W.1.

14th September, 1927.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 13th June regarding the Christmas presents for the children of the Falkland Islands, I have the honour to enclose for your information the formal advice of the order which we have placed with the Army and Navy Stores. We trust that the toys will be found suitable.

2. The toys, etc. will be shipped in a steamer which is due to leave Liverpool about the 22nd September which will permit of their arriving in ample time for Christmas.

3. The Pacific Steam Navigation Co. have very kindly offered to take the toys free of freight and the only charge on that account which will be payable will be about £3. -. -. for getting the toys to Liverpool.

4. In view of the special circumstances of the case we have also decided to waive our Office commission.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

for CROWN AGENTS.

His Excellency,

The Governor,

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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CA

*Kus*

Falkland Is 2715/1. **TENDER** for the supply of Presents & decorations for Xmas returnable not later than Noon 17th September, 1927. 21

All communications on this subject to be addressed to the Crown Agents for the Colonies, the above reference being quoted.

Messrs. The Army & Navy Stores, 105, Victoria Street, S.W.1.

Gov.'s Lr. of Special A/C (if any) 13. 6. 27. Dept. -- Date Issued 8. 9. 27.

TELEGRAMS: "CROWN." LONDON. TELEPHONE: VICTORIA 7730.

ITEM NO.	QUANTITY.	DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES.	RATE.	AMOUNT.		
1		Santa Claus outfit.		2	0	0
400		Toys comprising:- Dolls, Soldiers, Knives, Mechanical toys, Motors, Kindergarten Toys, Fur animals, Trains, Boats, Tops, etc., etc., etc.		50	0	0
		Xmas Tree Ornaments and decorations including Candles and clips.		2	10	0
200		Carnival Novelties, comprising:- Hats, Caps, Masks, Blowouts, Streamers, Wavers, Rattles, Trumpets, etc., etc., etc.		2	10	0
		36-boxes Crackers, each containing 12.	1/6	2	14	0
		7 x 7-lb. tins Boiled Sweets.		2	16	0
		50x 1-lb. " Chocolates.		4	7	6
		400 x 1/4-lb. closed bags for Sweets (Crepe Paper).		1	10	3
		<u>Shipping charges additional.</u>		68	7	9

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A detailed list of the contents must be enclosed when possible in each package.

G/Ry. DIRECT ORDER.

(This space is for use in the Crown Agents' Office.)  
 Inspector: No inspection. 19  
 Accepted 14.9.27.  
 Add to F. & S. To be shipped without fail by a steamer due to leave Liverpool about 22nd September.

Add:—Cost of articles specified on continuation sheet (if any) TOTAL

Deduct:—Trade and shipping allowances 63 7 9  
 4 per cent. on £68.7.9. } - £  
 Cash discount for prompt payment 2 14 8  
 per cent. on £ } - £

Cost of packing for export 65 13 1  
 Cost of delivery f.o.b. Liverpool 3 2 2

ALTERNATIVE: Cost of packing and postage to .....

Net amount payable (including all charges) on receipt of bills of lading, parcels receipt or certificate of posting ... } - £ 68 15 3

ALTERNATIVE: Total net cost f.o.b. } - £

(Firms should insert here a quotation for delivery at any other port at which they can deliver f.o.b. more cheaply than at the port indicated by the Crown Agents.)

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 (a) Railway material, coal, coke, oil to be used to generate heat or to produce power, and on any stores intended for purposes other than the direct use of a Government Department or for any trading purposes.  
 (b) Stores shipped to Iraq (excepting those for Iraq Native Levies).  
 ON OTHER STORES, the following reduced rates are payable, viz:—  
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 The exemption certificates necessary to secure reductions will be forwarded by the Crown Agents.

We hereby agree to supply, of the best quality and make, subject to the approval of your inspector and to the conditions overleaf and to deliver free on board ship within See \* days from the date of order, the articles above specified, at the price set against each, and at the total cost shown above, which includes all charges.

TO THE CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES, 4, MILLBANK, LONDON, S.W. 1.

Signature Army & Navy Stores,  
 Address 105, Victoria St., S.W.1.  
 Dated this 13th day of September, 1927 19

Add to S.O. & D.S. only:—

(This space is for use in the Crown Agents' Office.)  
 Add to P., S.O., & D.S.:—

Instructions to Inspector:—

To be shipped without fail by a steamer due to leave Liverpool about 22nd Sept

TO MESSRS. Army & Navy Stores. Falkland Is. 2715/1.

ITEM NO.	QUANTITY.	DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES.	RATE.	AMOUNT.
		<p>TO BE SHIPPED <u>WITHOUT FAIL</u> BY A STEAMER DUE TO LEAVE LIVERPOOL, ABOUT 22nd SEPTEMBER.</p> <p>The order may be proceeded with. Packages should be addressed as follows:-</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p>Regn. O.H.M.S. 2715. Govt. House, Stanley.</p> </div> <p>A formal order will be sent to firm as soon as possible after the quotation is received.</p>		

4, MILLBANK,  
WESTMINSTER,  
LONDON, S.W. 1.

14th September 1927

Dear Mr.Hodson,

I have just passed today an official letter to you with reference to the Christmas presents which you asked us to send out to you for a Christmas tree.

I hope very much that these will be found to be satisfactory in every way. It is not often that we receive an indent here with such a human interest in it! I arranged for a lady to assist in the selection of the toys as I had visions of 200 dolls being sent out with precisely the same faces and expressions! I also got an old school fellow of mine, Sir Alan Burgoyne, who happens to be a director of the Army and Navy Stores, to see that some intelligent person on their staff attended to the order.

Please do not bother to reply to this as I am off in a month to Kenya and Tanganyika and round the Cape, and shall not be back at my desk here until towards the end of January.

Yours sincerely,  
J. C. Thorne

A.W.Hodson Esq., C.M.G.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

14th October, 1927.

Dear Mr. Thornton,

Thank you for your letter of the 14th of September; it is most kind of you to have taken so much trouble about the presents for the Christmas Tree Party which I am giving to the children of the Colony. Very few of them have ever seen a Christmas Tree or Santa Claus and they are of course all looking forward eagerly to Christmas Eve. May I also thank through you the lady who was good enough to help in the selection of the toys - two hundred twin dolly sisters would indeed have been overpowering - as well as Sir Alan Burgoyne ?

I am sure that you will all feel with me that the pleasure which we shall be giving

H. C. THORNTON, ESQ., C.M.G., C.V.O.,

to/

&C., &C., &C.

to the children of these distant and hitherto somewhat neglected Islands will be in itself a full reward for our efforts.

Although this letter may reach you after the time I wish you none the less the good old wish for Christmas and the New Year.

Again very many thanks.

Yours sincerely,

ARNOLD HODSON.

C/8/27.

14th October,

27.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Governor to inform you that His Excellency has learned through the Crown Agents for the Colonies of your kind action in offering to convey free of freight to Stanley a consignment of Christmas Tree presents for the children of the Falkland Islands.

2. I am to express to you His Excellency's sincere thanks for and deep appreciation of your generous assistance in this matter.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,



Colonial Secretary.

THE PACIFIC STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY,  
GOREE,  
LIVERPOOL.



C/8/27.

14th October,

27.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th of September, 1927, No. 118 G/Falkland Islands 2715, relative to the supply of Christmas presents for the children of the Falkland Islands, and to thank you for the trouble which you have been so good as to take in this matter.

2. I am also to convey to you His Excellency's appreciation of your kindness in waiving your office commission in this case.

3. I enclose His Excellency's personal cheque in the sum of £68. 15s. 3d, in settlement of the account for the toys supplied by the Army and Navy Stores.

4. I am to add that I have also written at His Excellency's direction to the Head Office of the Pacific Steam Navigation Company thanking them for their kindness in offering to convey the toys free of freight to Stanley.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

Colonial Secretary.

THE CROWN AGENTS FOR  
THE COLONIES,  
4, MILLBANK, WESTMINSTER,  
LONDON, S.W.1.



# INVOICE.

(Advice Copy.)

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Continuation Sheet No. \_\_\_\_\_

Reference G/FALKLAND IS. 2715

Item Nos.	Quantity.	Description of Article in wording of Tender.	Weight.				Rate.						
			T.	c.	q.	lb.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
		Brought forward ...								65	13	9	
		NO. 3574 CASE - 29X18X29											
	36	BOXES CRACKERS ALSO ENCLOSED, 12 GRAMOPHONE RECORDS VALUE £1/16/0. ORDERED BY & CHARGED TO THE A/C OF. - H.E. A HOOBSON.								2	14	0	
		PACKING								3	2	2	
		LESS 4% ON 268/7/9								£	71	9	11
										2	14	8	
		TOTAL								£	68	15	3
		Carried forward ...											

E&OE  
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From His Excellency the Governor

to the Honourable the Colonial Secretary.

Re Christmas Tree party.

Will you, please, ask the C. S. to kindly  
let me know how many children could  
be seated for tea in the Town Hall &  
the room now used for dancing?

2) Also including tables, forms, & chairs

3) Can one hire plates & cups? If  
so how much do they cost if I  
supply the food.

A.H.

Col. G. G.

Accordingly please

Yours

G

15. 11. 27

No.  
(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute, the above Number and the date may be quoted).

MINUTE.

22nd October 19 27

From The Colonial Engineer.

To

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

The Hon. Col. Secy.,

I beg to submit the following reply to His Excellency's minute of 15/10/27, returned herewith.

2. Four hundred children could be seated for tea, with ample space for service. An extra 80 could be seated, but the children would be somewhat closely packed.

3. Tables, consisting of boards on trestles, can be provided. Trestles can be borrowed from private persons and boards from either the P.W.D. or the F.I.Co.

Seating. Planks are placed across chairs; by this means seating for the full number of children can be provided and chairs be retained for adults.

The estimated number of chairs obtainable is as follows:

Now in the Town Hall..... 150  
To be hired from the Church Room. 90 240.

A further 120 seats ~~might~~ can be provided by the use of 16 forms, which are kept in the Town Hall, giving a total of 360 seats.

4. Plates, mugs and cups and saucers can be hired from Messrs The F.I.Co. at 3d a dozen, the cost of all breakages being made good. The F.I.Co. will advise me of the number of plates, etc. which will be available at the end of December.

5. The following particulars may be of interest in connexion with previous parties which have been held under my supervision. The number of children varied from 230 to 275. The tea was served on the stage, generally in two sittings. The infants had their tea with their parents in the Refreshment Room. The Main Hall was kept clear for the children to play in. I would respectfully suggest for consideration that the tables be placed on the main floor in such a manner as to provide seating accommodation for 300 children; as much floor space as possible being left at the west end of the Hall.

The arrangement/

The arrangement to be such as to allow the tables to be readily dismantled after the tea has been served, so providing a clear floor for the children to play in. The stage to be for adults, if any, and the North Corridor to be kept clear for workers.

*R. S. Asely,*

Colonial Engineer.

22nd October, 1927.

Stanley

Woodbine Bakery

28th October 1927.

The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary

Sir.

At your request I submit the approximate cost of catering &c, for a tea for about 350 to 400 children catering £21. Hire of Crockery 14/- Breakeage about 5/- for the above amount I propose to supply the following:-  
Ham sandwiches, Currant & Sultana Cake, maderia cake, Jam sandwich cake, Iced. Pastry, (Jam Tarts & Cheese cake).  
Tea and Lemonade.

I have the honour to be:

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*John Summers*

ECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

*From* H.B.M.'s Minister, Monte Video.

*To* His Excellency the Governor.

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*Despatched:* 28th October, 1927. *Time:* 16.45.

*Received:* ... .. 1927 *Time:*

GOVERNOR

PORTSTANLEY.

Approximate cost Christmas Tree 15 feet high and transport to Port will be \$35. Experts consider it will be perished. What are your wishes.

SCOTT.



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●ECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To H. B. M's. Minister, Monte Video.

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Despatched: 29th October, 1927 Time: 12. 45 pm.  
 Received: ... .. 192.. Time: ...

PRODROME,  
MONTE VIDEO.

Your telegram of 28 October thank you for your trouble. In view of the difficulties stated think it best to make other arrangements locally.

GOVERNOR.

# THE WESTERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY, LTD.

All important Messages should be Repeated. — Quarter-rates charged for Repetition.

To prevent mistakes attention is called to the importance of Legible Writing.

Office Stamp.  2/12/27	No. _____	No. of Words 67	No. and Circuit.
	Date 2 <sup>nd</sup> .	Code Time 15100.	
Charge.		Clerk's Stamp.  W. B. Dixon	Sent at
£	s. d.		
Via MADEIRA.			

SERVICE INSTRUCTIONS. Govt P.S.Y. Radio

Receiver's Name WESTERS.  
 Address FOX-BAY.

HIS EXCELLENCY WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF ANY CHILDREN WISH TO COME TO STANLEY FOR THE CHRISTMAS TREE PARTY TO MEET SANTA CLAUS WHO IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE FROM THE SOUTH POLE WEATHER AND ZACHARIAH FEE PERMITTING ON 24th. DECEMBER STOP IF POSSIBLE HIS EXCELLENCY WILL TRY TO ARRANGE FOR A STEAMER TO CALL AT FOX-BAY TO BRING THEM HERE AND TAKE THEM BACK

SECRETARY.

Transmitted to W/Ts at 1515 2/12/27  
 by W. B. Dixon

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I request that the above Telegram may be forwarded according to the above Conditions, by which I agree to abide

Signature of Sender \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

23rd. November 1927

THE DEANERY,  
PORT STANLEY,  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

The Honourable  
The Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley.

Sir,

The committee of ladies appointed by His Excellency The Governor to make arrangements for his Children's Christmas Party held their first meeting here last evening and I give below an outline of the suggested programme together with certain remarks and questions which I should be glad if you would kindly submit to His Excellency for his comments and answers.

PROGRAMME.

Tea

His Excellency's speech

Presentation of the Queen's gifts

Grand March by the children

Sir Roger de Coverley

First Chorus

Second Chorus ( during this Father Christmas enters )

? Zachariah Fee, Fairy &c.

Presentation of Gifts (during which the following games will be played in the hall:-

Oranges & Lemons

Stump

Musical Arms

Choruses.

Sweets to be given out as the children leave the hall for home.

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COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS.

1. At what time does His Excellency wish the Party to begin?
2. There are 400 presents. In consideration of the number of children in the schools the committee think it advisable to have 50 more presents, more especially for the elder girls (age 14-16); books,

boxes of note-paper &c. We suggest getting a quantity of such on Sale or Return in order that there shall be no possibility of running short. (43)

3. We propose to divide the gifts into various groups suitable for the different ages; each child, according to his age, to choose from his particular group.
4. Does His Excellency wish to present each gift personally? If so, giving out at the rate of two per minute this will take 3 hours and 20 minutes for 400 gifts.
5. Is it decided that the Christmas Tree shall be made in Stanley? if so, are we to order it?
6. Is it possible for us to have the hall for preparations on Thursday and Friday, December 22nd. & 23rd.?
7. We suggest that a ticket of admission should be issued to adults wishing to accompany children too young to come alone, otherwise the hall will be crowded with adults.
8. We propose securing the assistance of the following persons:-
 

Mrs. T. Gleadell	The Dean
Mrs. Arthur Fleuret	Mr. Hoare
Mrs. Parkinson	Mr. Baseley
Miss Pegg	Mr. G. Roberts
Miss Warner	Mr. Coutts
Miss Short	Capt. Nethercoate
Miss Riches	Mr. Grierson
Miss M. Newing	Mr. Jones
Miss Biggs	Mr. Parkinson
Miss N. Osborne	Mr. Hannaford
Miss G. Rieve	Mr. A. Newing
Miss McNicol	
Miss W. Carey	

Yours sincerely,

*Graced. Vaughan.*

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29. 11. 27.

Copy sent under cover of <sup>(46)</sup>  
personal note to Mr. Vaughan  
28. 11. 27  
JMS

Hon. Colonial Secretary,

Thank you for forwarding me the letter from Mrs Vaughan. Will you kindly reply as follows : -

I think it will be best to have the programme as follows: tea, my speech, entry of Zachariah Fee, Santa Claus, Bluebell, Puck, and the fairy children. Then when we have finished with them the drawing of the lots for the Queen's presents and the presentation of same. Then the grand march by the children and Sir Roger de Coverley. After that the first chorus and then the presentation of the Christmas tree presents to everyone. Then Oranges and Lemons and Stump, the second chorus, Musical Arms, childrens games, and general choruses. Then at the end of the evening God Save the King in full, namely every verse. This should be printed in the programme, which the children will keep, <sup>as</sup> and it is good for them to have the National Anthem in full. Of course these arrangements can be altered in any way the Committee may desire.

With regard to the comments and questions,

1. I think the party ought to commence at 4.30 and go on until it is finished. By that I mean if they are happy why not let them play on until 9 or 10 ? "Christmas comes but once a year and when it comes it brings good cheer"!

2. Certainly let the Committee get 50 more presents, but they should only be got on the very distinct understanding that they will probably not be required and that if this is the case they will be returned.

3. This is an excellent suggestion with which I entirely agree.

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4. I do wish to give every present personally.

5. The answer is in the affirmative. I shall be grateful if the Committee will order the Christmas tree.

6. Certainly.

7. I entirely agree. Will you please arrange for the tickets to be printed and the best way for them to be distributed.

8. I shall be delighted if the ladies and gentlemen mentioned will assist.

In conclusion please convey to the Committee my deep thanks for the trouble they are taking in this matter and kindly ask them if they will come to tea on Monday the 28th at 4.30 p.m.

A. H.

23rd November, 1927.

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# THE WESTERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY, LIMITED.

OFFICE STAMP.

No. AND CIRCUIT.

The following TELEGRAM received at 1040.

From FOXBAY RADIO GOVT.

REMARKS.

3/12/27

Foreign No. No. of Words 22

Dated 5th. Time 1530

CLERK'S STAMP.

To COLONIAL SECRETARY,

PORTSTANLEY,

W.B.D.

PLEASE INFORM HIS EXCELLENCY THAT NONE OF THE CHILDREN  
FROM HERE WILL BE GOING TO STANLEY FOR XMASTREE

CLEMENT.

So

Telegrams for Europe and beyond should be marked "Via Madeira" to ensure transmission by the direct cable route.

This form must accompany any enquiry respecting this telegram.

Head Office:—"ELECTRA HOUSE," FINSBURY PAVEMENT, LONDON, E.C. 2.

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# THE WESTERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY, LIMITED.

OFFICE STAMP.

NO. AND CIRCUIT.

The following TELEGRAM received at 1040.

From FOXBAY RADIO GOVT.

Foreign No. No. of Words 22

Dated 8th Time 1000

REMARKS.

9/12/27

To COLONIAL SECRETARY,

PORTSTANLEY.

CLERK'S STAMP.

W.B.D.

PLEASE THANK HIS EXCELLENCY FOR HIS KIND INVITATION

TO CHRISTMAS PARTY WE REGRET NO CHILDREN ABLE TO ATTEND

WESTERS.

*Handwritten:*  
S am very sorry  
M. C.

Telegrams for Europe and beyond should be marked "Via Madeira" to ensure transmission by the direct cable route.

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Head Office:—"ELECTRA HOUSE," FINSBURY PAVEMENT, LONDON, E.C. 2.



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GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

No. 181.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS.

9TH DECEMBER, 1927.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR DIRECTS IT TO BE NOTIFIED THAT A FINAL PERFORMANCE OF THE MUSICAL PLAY ENTITLED "THE TROUBLES OF SANTA CLAUS" WILL BE HELD IN THE TOWN HALL AT 8.0 P.M. ON THURSDAY THE 29TH OF DECEMBER, 1927, TO WHICH ALL ARE CORDIALLY INVITED.

BY COMMAND,

*A. J. S.*

for COLONIAL SECRETARY.

C/8/27.

GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

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No. 182.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.  
9th December, 1927.

HIS EXCELLENCY'S CHRISTMAS TREE PARTY.

Owing to the limited space available in the Town Hall, adults will not be admitted unless they are accompanying children too young to come alone.

Such parents must secure a ticket of admission beforehand which may be obtained from any of the following ladies.-

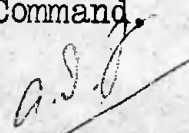
Mrs. Vaughan.  
Mrs. Hoare.  
Mrs. Brown.  
Mrs. Grierson.

All adults will be welcomed to a dress rehearsal of the play in the Town Hall on Friday the 23rd of December at 8 p.m. sharp.

Children under 16 years of age will not be admitted on this occasion.

It is earnestly requested that adults who are present will keep the plot and details of the play entirely secret.

By Command,



for Colonial Secretary

M.P. C/8/27.

WAVERLEY HOUSE,  
STANLEY,  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Dec 15<sup>th</sup> 1994

To His Excellency The  
Governor.

Dear Mr Hudson.

I hope you could spare  
me three tickets  
for the "Opera" on the  
25<sup>th</sup> and one for the  
Court. I should feel

most grateful.

We are so looking forward  
to it yours sincerely

Alfred Williams

C/8/27.

16th December, 27.

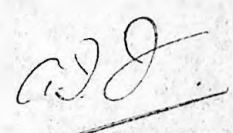
Madam,

With reference to your letter of the 15th of December, 1927, addressed to His Excellency the Governor, I am directed to inform you that arrangements will be made for four seats to be reserved for you at the Musical Play which is to be held at the Town Hall on the evening of the 23rd of December, 1927.

I am,

Madam,

Your obedient servant,



for Colonial Secretary.

MRS A. M. WILLIAMS,  
WAVERLEY HOUSE,  
STANLEY.



FALKLAND ISLANDS.

The Governor desires to thank Miss Bessie Newing and the Children of the Falkland Islands for the charming message addressed to the Queen which they handed to His Excellency on the occasion of the Christmas Tree Party on Christmas Eve, and to tell them that he will cause this message to be sent to Her Majesty with a full account of the Party.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

2nd January, 1928.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor,

To The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched: 2nd January, 192 8. Time: 19.15.

Received: ..... 192 ... Time: .....

CHAPELTREES,  
LONDON.

Grateful if following message from the children of the Falkland Islands to the Queen on the occasion of the gift of presents by Her Majesty for my Christmas Tree Party on the 24th December may be submitted to Her Majesty begins: To our Beloved and Revered Queen We the boys and girls of the Falkland Islands humbly beg to lay before Your Majesty our dutiful thanks for Your Majesty's most gracious kindness in giving to us this Christmas so many and such beautiful presents. We know not how properly to tell Your Majesty the fullness of our gratitude and the depth of our emotion that Your Majesty should have been pleased to think of us who live in the farthest corner of our great Empire. Our fathers and mothers have taught us to be loyal to our King: our Queen has herself now made us to love her. From our hearts we pray that Your Majesty may enjoy this Christmas a happiness equal to that which Your Majesty has given to us all ends. Original message and full account of party with printed programme and photographs follow by mail.

GOVERNOR.



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Stanley :

29th, December 1927.

The Honourable :

The Colonial Secretary,

Sir.

I feel assured that His Excellency the Governor would be pleased to know the names of those who gave their willing and valuable services at His Excellency's Christmas Tree Party, in addition to those already named on the programme.

The Ladies and Gentlemen whose names are here quoted below having experience in these functions were selected by myself with the consent of Mrs Vaughan.

Please kindly forward and oblige;

Yours truly,

*John Summers*

Names of helpers:-

Mrs Walker, Mills, Hannah Ford, F. King, J. Gleadow, Misses M. Davis, R. Hall, J. Biggs, G. King, A. Kiddle, S & E. Summers, Messrs Pallini, W. J. Summers, S. Summers.

THE GOVERNOR'S CHRISTMAS TREE PARTY,  
CHRISTMAS EVE, 1927.

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His Excellency Arnold Hodson's Christmas Tree Party for the Children of the Colony and its Dependencies will long live in the memory of all the boys and girls who were privileged to be present at it, as well as of those of more mature age who were there with their children or who assisted in its organization. It is no secret that His Excellency had taken infinite pains personally to ensure the complete success of the mine of joy and of wonderment which was opened to his delighted guests and had arranged within a very few days of his arrival in the Colony for the requisite number of presents to be chosen and sent out from England. Furthermore he had received the <sup>signed</sup> distinction of the gift by the Queen of ten presents to be given on Her Majesty's behalf at the Party to the children of the Falkland Islands in whose welfare and happiness Her Majesty, in common with His Majesty the King has always shown a particular and intimate interest.

His Excellency had been fortunate in securing the willing services of a large and able band of helpers for the smooth conduct of the Party and to them and to His Excellency are due and are freely rendered the grateful thanks of all the children and their parents and <sup>relations</sup> in the community. Our Governor indeed realises full well the truth of the saying that "A people is ruled not through their heads but through their hearts".

It was then with the keenest anticipation that the  
children/



children of Stanley and their <sup>play fellows</sup> play fellows from the Camp - and the grown-ups too - awaited the hour of 3 on the afternoon of Saturday, the 24th of December, when the Party was timed to begin unless in spite of every possible precaution that wicked Zachariah Fee should have succeeded in his design to prevent their pleasure.

On arrival at the Town Hall, for the day miraculously transformed into a <sup>faery</sup> fairy palace of delight no untoward atmosphere as of black magic prevailed beyond a barely suppressed feeling of excited curiosity and access to the main hall was regulated in a steady stream through the West door. Each child on entry was handed a numbered ticket with the strict injunction to take care not to lose it and with it the chance of receiving one of Her Majesty's presents. Inside the hall His Excellency welcomed every one of his small guests with a kindly smile and handshake and they were then seated at four brightly decorated and well furnished tables running the entire length of the hall. For more than half an hour the children with their parents or friends continued to arrive and when all were assembled and happily prepared after a solemn warning by Santa Claus in real life not to pull their crackers before the tea was finished the Party began with the satisfaction of healthy appetites on the good things in plenty set before them. The feasting done and the crackers pulled, a short break outside on the green fronting the harbour followed in the clear sunshine of a midsummer's afternoon while the tables within were wafted away as if by some supernatural agency and were replaced by chairs and benches for the easy enjoyment of/

Miss Joyce STEVENSON

of the performance of the play written for the occasion and personally staged and conducted by His Excellency under the title "The Troubles of Santa Claus" in which the tourney between that crusty old gentleman and the wicked wizard of the South Pole was brought to its end with the timely intervention of the good and beautiful Queen of the Fairies. So strong was the awful spell of Mr. Fee that even after his bodily removal to the cells by a posse of police the drawing of the curtain revealed the eagerly expected Christmas tree as changed by him into a bush of Diddle Dee - but only for a brief moment as the charm is broken and a second curtain rises to unfold to five hundred pairs of anxious eyes a really-truly <sup>Christmas</sup> ~~Christmas~~ Tree hung with Her Majesty's presents and shining with silver frost and gaily coloured trinkets. In the foreground is a photograph of the Queen and behind the flag of the Colony while on either hand His Excellency's presents are displayed ready for distribution.

After the singing by the entire company of three verses of the National Anthem with loyal <sup>fever</sup> ~~fever~~ a hush falls as His Excellency takes his seat at a table on the stage in front of the Christmas Tree together with Santa Claus and Bluebell, and the Colonial Secretary who hands to him a sealed envelope which is found to contain the lucky numbers of those children favoured to receive the Queen's presents for their own keeping. One by one the numbers are drawn and called out and in turn come up to claim their proud rights:-

*acts*

- Master Edward Lellman
- Miss Flora McPhee
- Master ~~Ted~~ Kirk
- Master Terence Biggs
- Miss Gladys Pattersen <sup>sen</sup>
- Miss Jean McNicoll
- Miss Joyce Stevensen

Miss/

Master Darwin Goss.

~~Miss Doris Goss~~

Miss Helen Bonner (Through her father)

Miss <sup>Beattie</sup> Peck.

The first named received also the photograph of the Queen and a card in Her Majesty's own handwriting headed "Buckingham Palace" and inscribed "From the Queen" while all alike were given with the presents a printed card in these words :

"Given by Her Majesty the Queen

Through the Governor,

Arnold Hodson, Esquire, C.M.G.,

at the Christmas Tree Party held by His Excellency for the children of the Colony of the Falkland Islands and its Dependencies on the 24th of

December, 1927.,

as well as a sprig of holly from the grounds of Balmoral Castle sent by the Baron Bentinck.

Each of the happy recipients of the Queen's presents was enthusiastically cheered by his or her fellows in generous token of their vicarious joy and any feelings of envy or disappointment which the latter may have felt were most nobly restrained so as in no wise to be apparent. Sympathy is, however, to be extended to the small boy who in mistake brought up ticket No. 115 instead of No. 315 and after being heartily greeted on the stage was told to return empty whence he came. Thereafter the Governor's presents were given to each child in the hall to the number of 369 of whom it is estimated approximately that 300 have their homes in Stanley and the remainder in the Camp. It is, perhaps, the one feature in this Party that His Excellency and many others have cause to regret that not more children from the Camp were able to be present. The West Falkland in particular was without a direct representative on account

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of the almost insuperable difficulties of season and of transport, and the absence of the only baby in the Dependencies was for a like reason unavoidable.

The Party ended with a Hall of Pandemonium wherein to the continuous music of the indefatigable orchestra and to the ceaseless melodies of the vociferous chorus dancing and games <sup>ran</sup> were riot until the hour of 9.30 p.m., when the time came for many a contented and sleepy head to go to bed. During this period a <sup>deputation</sup> ~~despatch~~ of boys and girls headed by Miss Bessie Newing conveyed to His Excellency the following charming message addressed to the Queen which it is understood has been transmitted by telegram for submission to Her Majesty :-

To Our Beloved and Revered Queen.

We, the boys and girls of the Falkland Islands humbly beg to lay before your Majesty out dutiful thanks for your Majesty's most gracious kindness in giving to us this Christmas so many and such beautiful presents.

We know not how properly to tell your Majesty the fulness of our gratitude and the depth of our emotion that your Majesty should have been pleased to think of us who live in the farthest corner of our Great Empire.

Our fathers and mothers have taught us to be loyal to Our King: Our Queen has Herself now made us to love Her.

From our hearts we pray that Your Majesty may enjoy this Christmas in happiness equal to that which Your Majesty has given to us all.

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It can <sup>be</sup> truthfully said that such a Governor's Christmas Tree Party is without precedent in the history of this Colony, and, probably, in the history of any other Colony. If the giving of happiness to others, and especially

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to children, is its own reward . Then indeed His Excellency Arnold Hodson is plenteously rewarded.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

24th January, 1928.

Dear Mr. Chichester,

I write in continuation of my letter of the 28th of September, 1927, to tell you that the Christmas Tree Party was duly held on Christmas Eve, last, and was a great success. The children were overjoyed with the Queen's presents and their gratitude to Her Majesty knows no bounds. I send you a copy of a letter addressed to Her Majesty by the boys and girls of the Falkland Islands of which the original has been sent through the usual official channel, and also a list of the names of the fortunate children who received the presents.

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2. I send you too a copy of the programme prepared for the Party and containing the words

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GERALD CHICHESTER, ESQ.,  
ETC., ETC., ETC.  
BUCKINGHAM PALACE, S.W.

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Enclosure IV.

of the Play "The Troubles of Santa Claus" which was written and produced by me on the occasion, as well as photographs taken of the cast. You will see that the programme is illustrated; the illustrations have been specially done by hand by our Harbour Master Captain R. T. Amedroz, R. N. (Retd.) who has undoubted talent in this direction.

3. I am sure that you will see with pleasure the happy faces and dainty dresses of the fairies, children, and other performers in the Play. I only wish they could have been seen by some of those who think the Falkland Islanders are blacks or degenerates ! This Play was on the contrary produced from entirely local resources and with purely local talent, and I should not have been ashamed to put it on any stage in any part of the world.

4. I feel that the Queen might be interested to see the programme and the photographs as we all know/

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know her personal sympathy in the welfare of the people of these far Islands. If etiquette therefore permits and you think that Her Majesty would in fact be interested I should be grateful if they might be laid before Her Majesty. I do not however desire to be presumptuous in this matter and I am of course fully prepared to leave it to your discretion.

5. I repeat my indebtedness to you for all that you have been good enough to do for us in this connection.

6. Will you, please, give my kind regards to Sir Michel Cust and Airlie.

Yours very truly,

ARNOLD HODSON.



ENCLOSURE No. I.

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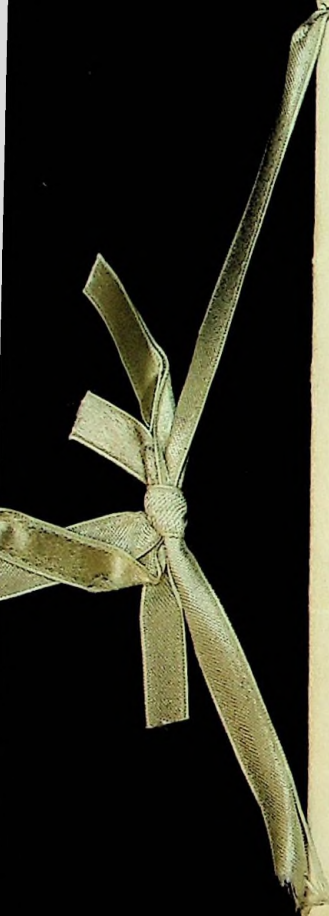
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ENCLOSURE No. II.

LIST OF THE NAMES OF THE CHILDREN WHO  
RECEIVED THE QUEEN'S PRESENTS.

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EDWARD LELIMAN	...	...	13 years.
FLORA MCPHER.	...	...	8 "
JACK KIRK	...	...	11 "
TERENCE BIGGS.	...	...	15 "
GLADYS PETERSSSEN..	...	...	10 "
JEAN MONICOLL	...	...	13 "
JOYCE STEVENSEN	...	...	2 "
DARWIN GOSS...	...	...	2 "
HELEN BONNER..	...	...	9 months.
BEATTIE PECK..	...	...	6 years.



*The Troubles of Santa Claus*

*by*

*HIS EXCELLENCY ARNOLD HODSON, C.M.G.*



*Chorus, Fairies, Girl Children and Principals.*



BLUEBELL, QUEEN OF THE FAIRIES (*Mrs. R. Thornton Amedroz*) with fairy court.



SANTA CLAUS (*Mr. A. R. Hoare.*)



FLIP-FLOP, KING OF THE PENGUINS (Mr. F. A. W. Byron.)



РУСК (*Mr. J. D. Creamer.*)





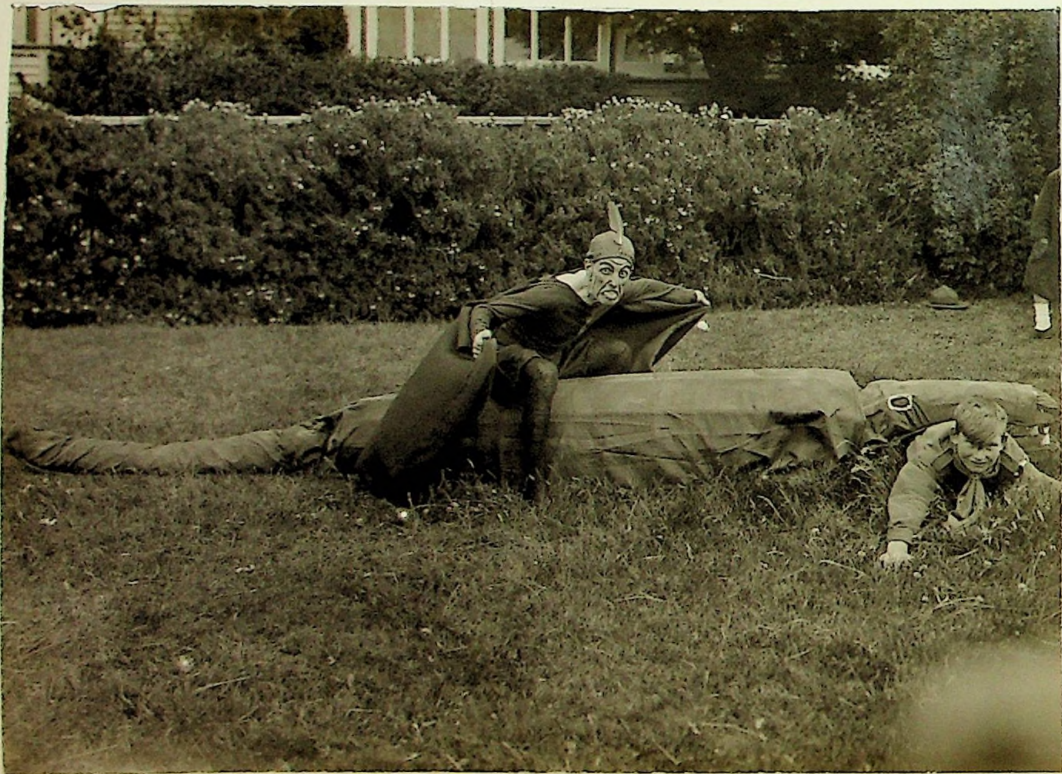
*Arrest of Zachariah Fee by the Posse of Police Constables.*



ALBERT THE COON (*Mr. A. E. Thompson*) AND A SAILOR  
(*Mr. S. Browell*) with Boy Scouts.



TUNNEY (*Master F. Howatt*) v DEMPSEY (*Master R. Challen*).



ZACHARIAH FEE (*Mr. A. Jones*) on the Crocodile.



POSSE OF POLICE CONSTABLES UNDER  
*Mr. D. J. O'Sullivan, Chief Constable (in rear).*



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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

24th January, 1928.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 34.

Sir,

In continuation of my telegram of the 2nd of January 1928, on the subject of the Christmas Tree Party given by me on the afternoon and evening of the 24th of December, 1927, to the children of the Colony of the Falkland Islands and its Dependencies, I have the honour to transmit a copy of the programme prepared for the occasion from which you will see the nature of the entertainment provided for my small guests. I would remark incidentally on the style of this programme which I consider equal at the least to work turned out by the Government Printing Office in any Colony and I would explain that it has been set up and produced entirely by Mr. W. G. Allan, the Head Printer, and his staff except for the illustrations which are the personal design and execution of Captain R. F. Amedroz, R.N. (Retd.), Harbour Master at Stanley.

I enclose also a copy of the Falkland Islands Magazine and Church Paper which contains an account of the Party and photographs taken by Mr. G. Roberts, Acting Colonial Engineer, of those who took part in the performance of the Play composed by myself for the occasion and entitled "The Troubles of Santa Claus". It is scarcely necessary for me to invite your attention to the dainty costume

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THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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costumes and pretty faces of the lady members of the cast or to the happy appearance of the whole company but I would lay emphasis on the fact that the Play was conceived and executed solely with local resources and without the aid of any extraneous talent or imported apparatus. I should perhaps add that I conducted the performance in person and was accorded a most enthusiastic reception.

Enclosure IV.

2. I had begun to make preparations for the Party very shortly after my arrival in the Colony and had caused a Government Notice, of which I annex a copy for your information, to be issued on the 6th of July, 1927, conveying my invitation to all the children of the Colony and the Dependencies. In reply to this Notice I received some delighted letters of acceptance from the children of which I enclose in original the six most interesting. The number of children who actually attended the Party was 369. Unfortunately on account of the season of the year and the difficulty of communication no children were able to come into Stanley from the West Falkland or from the Dependencies for the occasion.

Enclosure V.

3. You are aware that Her Majesty the Queen has been graciously pleased to give ten presents for the children of the Falkland Islands for distribution at the Party. This most generous and royal act has occasioned the warmest gratitude and the keenest pleasure throughout the Colony and the presents were eagerly desired by the children, one and all. In order to ensure absolute fairness in their allocation I decided that this must be left to lot and each child accordingly on entry into the main Hall of the Town Hall, Stanley, where the Party took place was handed a numbered card. Ten numbers had previously been chosen by me and kept in a sealed envelope/



envelope. At the due moment the envelope was opened and one by one the lucky numbers were called out, the child whose card bore one of these numbers coming up to the special Christmas Tree arranged on the stage of the Hall to receive his or her present. I annex a list of the ten children favoured in this manner. You will observe that they are of varying ages from 15 years to 9 months and that six of them are girls and four of them boys. They are all resident in the town of Stanley. I annex also a copy of the printed card which was given to each of the children with their presents and the original of the letter addressed to Her Majesty by the boys and girls of the Falkland Islands.

Enclosure VI.

Enclosure VII.

Enclosure VIII.

4. I would state that the party was a complete success from every point of view and that it has in my opinion done incalculable good in improving the relations between the Government and the governed and in brightening the lives and widening the horizons of the younger generations in the Colony. Personally I feel fully repaid for the labour expended on its preparation by the undoubted pleasure which it has caused to so many young and old and by the sense of their real gratitude and appreciation.

5. I would add that a dress rehearsal of the Play was held on the night of the 23rd of December to which adults were admitted and that by general request a special performance was given on the 29th of December open to parents and children alike. Such is the enthusiasm which has been aroused in this connection that I am arranging to give another performance in March, next, on the occasion of the forthcoming visit of the Lord Bishop of the Falkland Islands. In recognition

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of my own gratitude to all those who helped in this Party, both on and off the stage, I have on the 12th of January, 1928, a ball at which some two hundred persons were present and of which I enclose a copy of the printed programme.

Enclosure IX.

6. In conclusion I beg to transmit herewith under open cover a letter addressed to Mr. Gerald Chichester, Her Majesty the Queen's Assistant Private Secretary, in continuation of private correspondence exchanged between us on this subject and I would ask that you will be so good as to cause it to be forwarded to its proper destination.

Enclosure X.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

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ENCLOSURE No. IV TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH, No. 34  
of the 24th of January, 1928.

GOVERNMENT NOTICE.  
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Government House,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.  
24th July, 1927.

To the children of the Falkland Island and their Depend-  
encies :

I have been informed by Santa Claus that he will visit Stanley, in person, on Christmas Eve next.

I have much pleasure, therefore, in inviting all of you, girls and boys, who are sixteen or under, to a Christmas Tree Party which will be held in the Town Hall from 4 to 8 p.m. on December 24th next.

I am sending my invitation now because some of you live a long way off and it takes many weeks for letters to reach you.

Please ask your parents, if it is possible, to send a reply to my Aide-de-Camp so that I may know how many are coming, but whether I receive replies or whether I do not I shall be delighted to welcome you all.

Father Christmas is very busy on Christmas Eve, and it is not often he can spare the time to come to us in person, so we must all do our best to give him a hearty welcome.

(SGD.) ARNOLD HODSON.  
Governor.

ENCLOSURE No. VI TO FAIRCLAND ISLANDS DISPATCH, No. 34  
of the 24th of January, 1928.

LIST OF THE CHILDREN WHO RECEIVED THE QUEEN'S  
PRESENTS.

EDWARD LELIMAN	...	...	...	13 yrs.
FLORA McPHEE..	...	...	...	8 "
JACK KIRK	...	...	...	11 "
TERENCE BIGGS.	...	...	...	15 "
GLADYS PETERSEN...	...	...	...	10 "
JEAN McNICOLL.	...	...	...	13 "
JOYCE BREVENSEN	...	...	...	2 "
DARWIN GOSS...	...	...	...	2 "
HELEN BONNER..	...	...	...	months.
BEATTIE PECK..	...	...	...	years.

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--:-- PROGRAMME --:--

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR'S

BALL

Given at 9 p.m. on the 12th of January, 1928,

in the Town Hall, Stanley.

to all those Ladies and Gentlemen who in any way both on and off the stage helped in the organisation of the Party held for the children of the Falkland Islands and its Dependencies on Christmas Eve, 1927, in token of His Excellency's most sincere and grateful thanks for all their assistance so willingly and freely rendered and in recognition of their great talent in performing with unprecedented success the musical play "The Troubles of Santa Claus" which was pronounced at the outset to be too ambitious for their capacity.

Dancing from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. with an interval for supper at 11 p.m. After His Majesty the King's health has been proposed and drunk His Excellency will make a short speech.

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| 1. WALTZ.         | } |                    |
| 2. FOX TROT.      |   |                    |
| 3. ONE STEP.      |   |                    |
| 4. WALTZ.         | } | <i>Jazz Band.</i>  |
| 5. FOX TROT.      |   |                    |
| 6. PAUL JONES.    |   |                    |
| 7. LADIES' WALTZ. | } | <i>Syncoptors.</i> |
| 8. FOX TROT.      |   |                    |
| 9. BARN DANCE.    |   |                    |
| 10. ONE STEP.     | } | <i>Jazz Band.</i>  |

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| 11. WALTZ.      | } |                    |
| 12. FOX TROT.   |   |                    |
| 13. ONE STEP.   |   |                    |
| 14. WALTZ.      | } | <i>Syncoptors.</i> |
| 15. PAUL JONES. |   |                    |
| 16. FOX TROT.   |   |                    |
| 17. ONE STEP.   | } | <i>Jazz Band.</i>  |
| 18. WALTZ.      |   |                    |
| 19. FOX TROT.   |   |                    |
| 20. WALTZ.      | } | <i>Syncoptors.</i> |

G O D S A V E T H E K I N G .

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AGENTS FOR  
THE PACIFIC STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" VIA RADIO

10th April, 1928

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Your Excellency,

I am requested by the Managing Director of the Falkland Islands Company to convey the thanks of the Board of Directors for the Autograph Copies of the Programme of the Play "The Troubles of Santa Claus".

2. These have been very much appreciated by the Directors, who realise what a benefit the production of such a Play is to the community who are so far removed from the ordinary sources of theatrical entertainment.

I am,

Your Excellency's obedient servant,

H.H.R. Gresham

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*[Handwritten signature]*

*[Handwritten initials in a circle]*

His Excellency The Governor,  
Government House.



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# DUPLICATE

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Downing Street,

No. 54

22 March, 1936.

Copy to all concerned.  
Let 3 copies for me.  
(Intld: A.H.)

Sir,

*Ref 69-75*

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 54 of the 24th of January regarding the Christmas Tree Party given by you to the children of the Colony of the Falkland Islands and its Dependencies.

I have read your despatch with interest and congratulate you on a very successful effort which must have lent an unprecedented gaiety to the isolated town of Stanley. I have been much struck with Captain Amedroz' vigorous and attractive sketches and I note that Mr. C.G. Allen printed the programme in admirable style.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,  
humble servant,

(Signed) L. S. AMERY

Governor,  
WILLIAM HOBSON, ESQ., C.M.G.,  
etc., etc.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

8th June, 1928.

FAULKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 316.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to my despatch No. 34 of the 24th of January, 1928, on the subject of the Christmas Tree Party given by me on the 24th of December, 1927, to the children of the Falkland Islands and its Dependencies, and to inform you that on account of the great popularity achieved by my play "The Troubles of Santa Claus" I arranged for further performances with new songs and dances to be given on the 30th of April, 1928, when the farmers and their families from the West Falkland were in Stanley on the occasion of the departure for England of the annual mailboat the R.M.S. "Orinoco" on the 2nd of May, and again at the time of the visit of H.M.S. "Ambuscade" and H.M.S. "Amazon".

2. I would state that a most successful rehearsal of the revised edition of the play was held on the 20th of April, and to enclose a copy of a flashlight photograph taken of the entire cast, orchestra and assistants grouped on the stage at the conclusion of the performance. As Conductor you will see that I am seated myself in the midst of the principals. The rehearsal was followed by a supper and dance at which I had the pleasure of entertaining the entire company as well as a number of ladies and

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.



and gentlemen whom I had invited specially to be present.

2. I would quote in instance of the remarkable impression which the production has made on the people of Stanley that the children housed in the School Hostel sing the choruses of their own accord before going to bed in the evenings.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient

humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON

C/8/27

8th June, 1928 28

Sir,

I enclose an account of a Pantomime performed at Stanley, Falkland Islands, on Christmas Eve, 1927, with photograph for publication, if you think fit, in your newspaper. In the event of such publication I have to ask you to send out 50 copies of the relative issue to me for distribution locally by this Government, the cost of same being recoverable on application to the Crown Agents for the Colonies, 4, Millbank, London, S.W.

I am,

Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Colonial Secretary.

The Editor,

"Tatler"

LONDON.

We reproduce a photograph of the caste, orchestra and assistants of the most southerly pantomime in the world entitled "The Troubles of Santa Claus" and performed at Stanley the capital of the Falkland Islands on Christmas Eve 1927. The book was written by the Governor His Excellency Arnold Hodson, C.M.G., who also conducted the performance in person. Among the interesting and original characters to be noticed are Zachariah Fee, The Wicked Wizard of the South Pole (Mr A. Jones) and Flip Flop, King of the Penguins (Mr F. A. W. Byron). The roles of Santa Claus, Puck, and Bluebell, the Queen of the Fairies, were most ably sustained by Mr A. R. Hoare, Mr J. D. Creamer, and Mrs Thornton Amedroz the latter with her attendant court of dainty little girls being particularly admired. The Beauty Chorus of eighteen young ladies of Stanley and the orchestra under the capable lead of Mr J. M. Coutts, M.M. materially aided in the success of the show which was most enthusiastically received by a packed house. The Antarctic cold would seem to have affected the child-devouring crocodile who is a notable absentee from this happy group in the centre of which is to be recognized the popular figure of His Excellency the Governor who has forever endeared himself in the hearts of his small charges.

J. M. E.

C/8/27.

28th May, 28.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to enclose herewith for your retention a copy of a despatch received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies relative to His Excellency's Christmas Tree Party given to the children of the Colony on the 24th of December, 1927, and to say that His Excellency has noted with much pleasure the special mention made therein of your work in connection with the programme.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*G. H. Brown*  
for Colonial Secretary.

MR. C. G. ALLAN,  
HEAD PRINTER,  
STANLEY.

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C/8/27.

28th May, 28.

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Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*G. R. L. G.*

*for*

Colonial Secretary.

Captain R. T. Amedroz, R.N., (Retd.)

STANLEY.