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His Excellency the Governor

SUBJECT.

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Previous Paper.

Proposal that warships should be allocated to Stanley as a permanent base.

MINUTES.

1-2 *Conf. despatch to S of S. d/ 26th August 1927*

3. *Despatch to Comdr-in-Chief
No. America & West Indies Str. 26 Aug 1927*

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4. *Conf. despatch to H.B. in minute: non-issued. 7/9/27.*

5. *" " " " Ambassador Buenos Aires 7th Sept. 1927.*

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Subsequent Paper.

6. *Letter from Comdr-in-Chief America and West Indies Station. 1 July. 1927
Letter to - do - - do - 26th Sept. 1927.*

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Submitted with typed letter.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.
CONFIDENTIAL.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,
26th August, 1927.

Sir,

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of M.P. 463/27.*

With reference to your despatch, No. 71 of the 15th of July, 1927, transmitting for my information a copy of a letter addressed to the Colonial Office from the Admiralty, No. M/O921/27 of the 2nd of July, 1927, on the subject of the amalgamation of the existing North America and West Indies Station with the South America Station, I have the honour to request that, if you so think proper, the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty may be approached with the view to the allocation to Stanley as a permanent base of a warship from the establishment of the new America and West Indies Station.

2. It is unnecessary for me to emphasize the isolated and exposed situation of the Colony and of its Dependencies and the importance of maintaining locally the prestige of the British Empire. I consider that the moral effect of such a step would be excellent and far-reaching and I sincerely trust that it may be found practicable.

3. I would add furthermore that although the Norwegian and other Scandinavian peoples engaged in the whaling industry at South Georgia and in the other Dependencies are at the present time /

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

time most law-abiding there have been troubles in the past, as you are aware, and that the presence of a warship permanently in these waters will be a sure safeguard against any recrudescence. In no clearer way can it be brought home to the foreigners who earn their livelihood under the protection of the British flag that it is to our Empire's strength and not its weakness that they enjoy their present privileges and security.

4. I have referred in my Confidential despatch of the 25th of August, 1927, to the flying of the Argentine flag at the meteorological station on Laurie Island in the South Orkneys and I would beg to put forward the suggestion that on this ground alone it is desirable for His Majesty's Ships to patrol occasionally the southern waters.

5. I have sent a copy of this despatch to the Commander-in-Chief of the America and West Indies Station.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,
26th August, 1927.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.
CONFIDENTIAL.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit, for your information, a copy of a Confidential despatch, dated the 26th of August, 1927, and addressed to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, on the subject of the allocation of a warship from the establishment of the America and West Indies Station to Stanley as a permanent base.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF,
NORTH AMERICA AND WEST INDIES STATION,
ADMIRALTY HOUSE,
BERMUDA.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

7th September, 1927.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

CONFIDENTIAL.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit, for your information, a copy of a Confidential despatch, dated the 26th of August, 1927, and addressed to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, on the subject of the allocation of a warship from the newly formed establishment of the America and West Indies Station to Stanley as a permanent base.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON

THE HONOURABLE

ERNEST STOWELL SCOTT, C.M.G., M.V.O.,

ETC., ETC., ETC.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

7th September, 1927.

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I have the honour to transmit, for Your Excellency's information, a copy of a Confidential despatch, dated the 26th of August, 1927, and addressed to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, on the subject of the allocation of a warship from the newly formed establishment of the America and West Indies Station to Stanley as a permanent base.

I have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's most

obedient, humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

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

ETC., ETC., ETC.

Postal address:—
The British Naval Commander-in-Chief,
America & West Indies Station,
c/o H.B.M. Consul-General,
New York.

Telegraphic address:—
NAVYCOM, BERMUDA.

Hon C.S
For suitable acknowledgment - sent to 6
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welcome any of his ships
that may visit these waters.
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H.M.S. "CALCUTTA" at Halifax, N.S.

1st July, 1927.

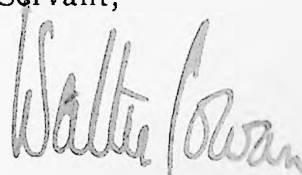
Sir,

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that from the 1st July, 1927, my Command (North America and West Indies Station) has been extended to include the South America Station, and will in future be styled the "America and West Indies Station."

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Excellency's obedient Servant,



VICE-ADMIRAL,
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF,
AMERICA AND WEST INDIES STATION.

His Excellency
The Governor and Commander-in-Chief
of the Falkland Islands,
PORT STANLEY.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

26th September, 1927.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st of July, 1927, informing me that your Command has been extended to include the South America Station and that it will in future be styled the "America and West Indies Station."

2. I would assure you that I shall be delighted to welcome any of your ships that may visit these waters and that such visits will be greatly appreciated by the people of this distant Colony. As you are no doubt aware the arrival of a British warship at Stanley is an event much looked forward to by the inhabitants.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

THE BRITISH NAVAL COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF,
AMERICA & WEST INDIES STATION,
c/o H.B.M. CONSUL-GENERAL,
NEW YORK.

CONFIDENTIAL

H.M.S. "CALCUTTA",

Bermuda,

2nd November, 1927.

No.0686J.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt
of Your Excellency's Confidential despatch dated the
^{26th} 27th August, 1927, on the subject of the allocation of
a Warship to Stanley as a permanent Base.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Excellency's obedient Servant,

(M)

His Excellency the Governor
of the Falkland Islands,
STANLEY.

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ADMIRAL,
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF,
AMERICA AND WEST INDIES STATION.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Confidential.

DOWNING STREET,

10 February, 1928.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Confidential despatch of the 26th of August in which you suggest the allocation to Stanley as a permanent base of a warship from the establishment of the new America and West Indies Station.

2. The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty regret that they are unable to concur in your proposal. They fully appreciate, however, the desirability of periodical visits from His Majesty's ships to the Falkland Islands and are instructing the Commander-in-Chief to bear this in mind when formulating the programme of cruises of ships under his command.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient
humble Servant,

(For the Secretary of State)

(Signed) W. ORMSBY GORE

GOVERNOR

ARNOLD HODSON, ESQ., C.M.G.

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