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1927.

No.

653/27.

H. E. the Governor.

SUBJECT.

192 7  
5th December.

CHALLENGE TO THE AMERICA AND WEST  
INDIES STATION COMMAND.

Previous Paper.

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Station Command of 15/12/27.

2. Telegram from Command<sup>t</sup> West Indies & America Str,  
of 20th Decr 1927.

3. Gov<sup>t</sup> notice, dated 23rd Decr 1927.

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y. 2. Ptd 2 as directed. A suitable

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Despatch to S. S. No 246. of 29<sup>th</sup> June, 1928. 35-42

CODE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To The Commander-in-Chief, America and West Indies  
Station.

Despatched: 15th December, 1927. Time: 13.00.

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

NAVYCOM,

BERMUDA.

15th December this Colony has the honour to  
challenge your command as follows: boxing, including  
heavyweight, shooting, rowing, golf, football.  
Can you arrange visit accordingly. March most suitable  
month as I leave for the Antarctic in February.

GOVERNOR.

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TELEGRAM.

From.....Officer Commanding America & West Indies Stn.

To.....His Excellency the Governor,

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Despatched : 21st December, 192 7. Time : 17.50.

Received : 22nd December, 192 7. Time : 15.00.

GOVERNOR,

PORTSTANLEY.

*Your telegram of the* 15th December regret no ship available in March but greatly hope to send one in autumn to take all challenges.

NAVYCOM.

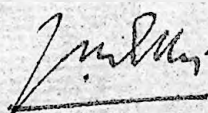
GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,  
STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS.

23rd December, 1927.

THE GOVERNOR DIRECTS IT TO BE NOTIFIED, FOR GENERAL INFORMATION THAT IN REPLY TO A TELEGRAM ADDRESSED BY HIS EXCELLENCY TO THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE AMERICA AND WEST INDIES STATION ON THE 15TH OF DECEMBER, 1927, CHALLENGING HIS COMMAND ON BEHALF OF THE COLONY AT BOXING, INCLUDING HEAVYWEIGHT, SHOOTING, ROWING, GOLF AND FOOTBALL IN MARCH OF NEXT YEAR, THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE AMERICA AND WEST INDIES STATION HAS EXPRESSED REGRET THAT NO SHIP OF HIS COMMAND IS AVAILABLE TO VISIT THE COLONY ABOUT THAT TIME BUT THAT HE GREATLY HOPES TO SEND A SHIP TOWARDS THE END OF THE YEAR TO TAKE UP ALL CHALLENGES.

BY COMMAND,



COLONIAL SECRETARY.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
STANLEY.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

2nd January, 1928.

No. 2.

Sir,

in duplicate.

*Red 4 -*

I have the honour to transmit, for your information, a copy of telegraphic correspondence exchanged between the Commander in Chief of the America and West Indies Station and myself on the subject of a visit in the near future of a warship from that squadron to this Colony. You will see that Vice-Admiral Sir Walter Cowan hopes to be able to send a warship to Stanley in the autumn of this year to take up the challenges issued including heavyweight boxing in which branch of sport I think that I have discovered a worthy representative in the person of Police Constable W. M. Westall whose appointment has been reported to you in a separate despatch.

2. I would add that since the visit of H.M.S. "Capetown" in February, 1927, on the occasion of the unveiling of the Falkland Islands Battle Memorial no warship has been seen in local waters. It is unnecessary for me to repeat how important a factor in the life of this isolated Colony I consider such visits to be and with what pleasure they are anticipated by all sections of the community.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

RIGHT HONOURABLE,

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.



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ENCLOSURE TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH No. 2.  
of the End of JANUARY. 1928.

COPY.

From His Excellency the Governor,  
To The Commander-in-Chief, America and  
West Indies Station. 15/12/27.

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"15th December this Colony has the honour to  
challenge your command as follows: boxing,  
including heavyweight, shooting, rowing, golf,  
football. Can you arrange visit accordingly.  
March most suitable month as I leave for the  
Antarctic in February."

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From The Commander-in-Chief, America and  
West Indies Station,  
To His Excellency the Governor.

21/12/27.

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"Your telegram of the 15th of December regret  
no ship available in March but greatly hope to  
send one in autumn to take all challenges".

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DECODE.TELEGRAM.

*From* The Secretary of State for the Colonies,

*To* His Excellency the Governor,

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*Despatched:* 19th March, 1928. *Time:* 1050.

*Received:* 20th March, 1928. *Time:* 11.00.

GOVERNOR,

PORTSTANLEY.

H.M.S. Amazon and Ambuscade will probably visit  
Stanley end of May. Despatch follows.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

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TELEGRAM.

*From*.....His Excellency the Governor,

*To*.....The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

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*Despatched:* 20th March, 192 8. *Time:* 17.00.

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

CHATELAINES,

LONDON.

Your telegram 19th March whole Colony is delighted with impending visit. Please extend in name of self and people hearty welcome to senior Officer and offer him challenge at boxing including heavyweight rowing shooting football golf and sports so that he may make necessary preparations.

GOVERNOR.

PRESS.

Intimation has been received by His Excellency that the destroyers H.M.S. "Amazon" and H.M.S. "Ambuscade" will probably visit Stanley towards the end of the month of May, next.

The members of the cast of "The Troubles of Santa Claus" will no doubt prepare to excel themselves at the performance of His Excellency's play which will be given on this occasion, and to this end are requested especially to keep themselves fresh with their parts.

In like manner the Committee and members of the Boxing Club are urged to begin intense training so as to enable the Colony worthily to undertake the challenge which has been issued in this direction.

The other challenges offered by the Colony to the personnel of the visiting ships include rowing, shooting, foot sports and golf.



GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

No. 92.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands,  
21st March, 1928.

It is hereby notified, for general information, that a telegram has been received from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the effect that the destroyers H.M.S. "Amazon" and H.M.S. "Ambuscade" will probably visit Stanley towards the end of May, 1928.

By Command,



for Colonial Secretary.

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TELEGRAM.

*From* His Excellency the Governor,

*To* The Secretary of State for the Colonies,

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*Despatched:* 26th April. 1928. *Time:* 17.00.

*Received:* 192 *Time:*

CHATELIER,  
LONDON.

My telegram 30th March Falkland Islands Company have received instructions to oil destroyers on June 3rd. I am anxious to meet officers and to participate in arrangements for their reception but in order to catch Andes June 6th from Montevideo it is necessary for me to leave Stanley not later than May 31st. Grateful if I may be informed of probable date of arrival of destroyers. If later than May 31st unless too great inconvenience will be caused thereby would suggest that it might be possible to arrange for one of them to take me to Montevideo. I shall then be present for festivities to ensure the success of which myself and whole Colony are making enthusiastic endeavours.

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TELEGRAM.

*From* His Excellency the Governor,

*To* H.B.M's Minister, Rio de Janeiro.

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*Despatched:* 27th April, 1928. *Time:* 16.30.

*Received:* 192 *Time:*

PRODROME,

RIO DE JANEIRO.

Following for Officer Commanding H.M. Ships Amazon and Ambuscade begins can you without too great inconvenience anticipate programme by 2 days so as to arrive Stanley 27th May. I ask this as I am leaving Colony to take shooting team home to Bisley on 31st May and I wish personally to join in the arrangements for your reception. We are all looking forward with great eagerness to your visit. Ends. I shall be grateful if you will inform me whether you are able to effect delivery of this message.

GOVERNOR.

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TELEGRAM.

*From* The British Consul-General, Recife.

*To* His Excellency the Governor,

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*Despatched:* 2nd May, 1928. *Time:* 13.10.

*Received:* 3rd May, 1928. *Time:* 11.15.

GOVERNOR,

PORTSTANLEY.

Following from C.C. H.M.S. Ambuscade and Amazon begins. Very much regret it is impossible to leave Buenos Aires before 31st May. Message ends.

CONSUL,

RECIFE.



From His Excellency the Governor

to the Honourable the Colonial Secretary.

Please appoint Committee to arrange entertainments  
in connection with visit of "Amazon" and "Ambuscade."

28th April, 1923.

1	<i>Pres.</i>	✓	<i>Chairman</i>
4	<i>W. J. N. Gault D. O.</i>	✓	
2	<i>H. H. R. Gault</i>	✓	<i>Vice Chairman</i>
7	<i>V. J. G. Gault</i>	✓	
5	<i>V. J. G. Gault</i>	✓	
6	<i>V. B. Gault</i>		
8	<i>V. H. Gault</i>	✓	
<i>with</i> 9	<i>V. G. Gault</i>	✓	<i>Secretary</i>
3	<i>Rev. S. S. Gault</i>	✓	

PRESS NOTICE.

VISIT OF H.M.S. "AMAZON" AND "AMBUSCADE"

We understand that intimation has been received that H.M.S. "Amazon" and H.M.S. "Ambuscade" will leave Buenos Aires for Stanley on the 31st of May, 1928, in which case they will arrive here on the 3rd or 4th of June.

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No. 141.

GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

8th May, 1928.

It is hereby notified, for general information, that the following gentlemen have been appointed to form a Committee to arrange entertainments in connection with the visits of His Majesty's Ships "Amazon" and "Ambuscade" on or about the 3rd of June and H.M.S. "Cornwall" on or about the 26th of June, 1928:

The Hon. J. M. Ellis, (Chairman)

The Hon. H. H. R. Gresham, (Vice-Chairman)

The Revd. S. E. E. Aylward,

Capt. J. M. Coutts, M.M.,

Mr. J. D. Creamer,

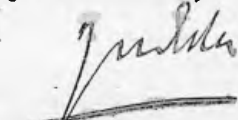
Mr. D. Galloway,

Mr. J. W. Grierson,

Mr. A. Newing,

with Mr. W. Barlas as Secretary.

By Command,



Colonial Secretary.

Copy.

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ADMIRALTY,

M.898/28.

21st March, 1928.

Sir,

With reference to Admiralty letter M.898/28 of the 15th March 1928 on the subject of the visit of certain of H.M.Ships to the Falkland Islands, I am commanded by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to state for the information of the Secretary of State for the Colonies that the dates for the visits of H.M.Ships "AMAZON" and "AMBUSCADE" to Port Stanley and Jamaica have now been amended.

The visit to Port Stanley will take place between the 3rd and 8th June, and that to Jamaica between 17th and 21st July.

I am, &c.,

(Sd.) ALEX FLINT.

The Under Secretary of State,  
Colonial Office,  
S.W.1.



COPY

● M. 898/28.

CONFIDENTIAL.

Admiralty, S.W.1.

15th March, 1928.

Sir,

With reference to Colonial Office letter of 3rd March 1928. No. 56813/28. on the subject of the visit of a warship to the Falkland Islands, I am commanded by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to state, for the information of Mr. Secretary Amery, that it is anticipated that H.M. Ships "Amazon" and "Ambuscade" will visit Port Stanley between 29th May and 3rd June, leaving Portsmouth on 10th April next. These two ships will also visit Jamaica between 15th and 19th July.

It is probable also that one of the new "Kent" class cruisers will visit the Falkland Islands during the coming ( northern) summer.

These cruisers are undertaken with the primary object of displaying to S. American powers the latest examples of British Naval construction. It will therefore not be possible to arrange for them to visit the dependencies.

I am etc,  
(Sd) Charles Walker.

The Under Secretary of State  
Colonial Office, S.W.1.

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TELEGRAM.

From The O/C. H.M.S. "Ambuscade and "Amazon."

To His Excellency the Governor,

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Despatched : 14th May, 1928. Time : 2035

Received : 15th May 1928. Time : 1015.

GOVERNOR,

PORTSTANLEY.

Ambuscade and Amazon will leave Port Stanley  
at 1600 on Thursday seventh of June.

O/C COMMANDED H.M. AMBUSCADE  
AND AMAZON

VISIT OF HIS MAJESTY'S SHIPS " AMBUSCADE "  
AND "AMAZON"

PROGRAMME OF ENTERTAINMENTS.

MONDAY. Morning - King's Birthday Parade in Government  
*June 4<sup>th</sup>* Paddock, at 11 o'clock.

Afternoon - Football Match, at 2.30 o'clock.

Evening - Dance in the Town Hall, at 9 o'clock,

TUESDAY. Morning - Shooting Match, at 10 o'clock.

*June 5<sup>th</sup>* Afternoon- Boat Race, at 2.30 o'clock.

Evening - Performance of "The Troubles of Santa Claus", at 7.30 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY. Morning - Golf Match, at 10 o'clock.

*June 6<sup>th</sup>* Evening - Boxing, at 5.30 o'clock.

*g. r.*  
 Proposed programme submitted for  
 g. r. l. approval. I will submit it  
 to "Penguin" *g. r.*

*14, 5.25*

*Mr. C. S.*  
 Dear Mr. Pearce, I am writing  
 to the members of the  
 committee for their business in  
 regard to the matter  
*all*

*15.20  
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TELEGRAM.

From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 19th May .. ... 1928 Time :

Received: 19th May .. ... 192 8 Time :

Re/ 10 Your telegram of 26th April His Majesty's ships  
will visit Colony from 3rd to 8th June. Admiralty  
regret impossible to modify programme so as to permit  
one of ~~them~~ them to convey you to Monte Video.

Secretary of State.

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TELEGRAM.

*From* His Excellency the Governor,

*To* The Secretary of State for the Colonies

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*Despatched*: 28th May, 192 8. *Time*: 17.00.

*Received*: 192 *Time*:

CHAPELRIE,  
LONDON.

Shall be grateful if you will inform me if it is essential for Governor when paying official visit to H.M. Ships to appear in uniform. Can find nothing relating thereto in Colonial Regulations.

GOVERNOR.

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TELEGRAM.*From* His Excellency the Governor,*To* The Captain, "Ambuscade."Telephoned.*Despatched*: 29th May,192 8. *Time*: 10.50 a.m.*Received*:192 *Time*:

CAPTAIN,

AMBUSCADE.

His Excellency has postponed his departure to meet you and hopes very much that you and three of your officers will stop with him at Government House during visit. In the name of the Colony and himself His Excellency offers you a very hearty welcome and hopes your stay will be pleasant.

PRIVATE SECRETARY.



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TELEGRAM.

*From* Captain, H.M.S. "Ambuscade.2

*To* His Excellency the Governor,

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*Despatched:* 31st May, 192 8 *Time:* 10.00.

*Received:* 31st May, 192 8. *Time:* 23.00.

GOVERNOR,

PORTSTANLEY.

Thank you very much for your cable.

AMBUSCADE.

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TELEGRAM.

*From*.....The Secretary of State for the Colonies,

*To*.....His Excellency the Governor,

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*Despatched*: 31st May, 192 8. *Time*: 10.00.

*Received*: 31st May, 192 8. *Time*: 23.00.

GOVERNOR,

PORTSTANLEY.

*Rev 22*

Your telegram 28th May I consider uniform would be appropriate for first visit but am content to leave matter to your discretion.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

N O T I C E.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.  
1st June, 1928.

His Excellency the Governor directs it to be notified, for general information, that owing to the visit of H.M.S. "Ambuscade" and H.M.S. "Amazon", Tuesday the 5th of June, 1928, will be observed as a holiday in all Government Departments in addition to Monday the 4th of June, which is being observed as the King's Birthday.

By Command,



for Colonial Secretary.

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CODE.TELEGRAM.*From* The Colonial Secretary,*To* Captain, "Ambuscade."*Despatched:* 1st June, 1928. *Time:* 22.00.*Received:* 192 *Time:*

CAPTAIN,

AMBUSCADE.

Following provisional programme arranged  
subject to adjustment to suit your convenience  
Monday 2.30 p.m. football match 7.30 p.m. pantomime  
Tuesday 10 a.m. rifle shooting match 2.30 p.m. boat-  
race 9 p.m. dance Wednesday afternoon golf-match  
5.30 p.m. boxing. His Excellency particularly  
hopes as many men as possible can come to pantomime  
Please let me know approximate number. Shall be  
glad to know also names of officers who will stop  
at Government House.

PRIVATE SECRETARY.

CODE.TELEGRAM.*From* His Excellency the Governor,*To* The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

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*Despatched:* 7th June, 1928. *Time:* 16.00*Received:* 192 *Time:*CHATELAIN,  
LONDON.

Re 6 Your telegram 19th March Amazon and Ambuscade left 7th June for Chile after most successful visit. Sports programme as arranged by challenge carried out in entirety and keenly contested with following results Colony won shooting rowing golf and billiards ships won football and boxing. Despatch follows.

GOVERNOR.

CODE.TELEGRAM.*From* The Colonial Secretary.*To* The Editor, "The Times."*Despatched:* 7th June, 192 8. Time: 16.30*Received:* 192 Time:

EDITOR

TIMES

LONDON

Amazon Ambuscade arrived Falklands 4th left Stanley for Chile 7th. Visit most appreciated successful. Sports programme previously arranged by challenge executed entirely keenly contested following results Colony won shooting rowing golf and billiards ships football and boxing. Performance of pantomime and dances added general enjoyment. Captain and other officers entertained Government House.

colonial secretary



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**TELEGRAM.**

*From* ~~His Excellency the Governor,~~

*To* Captain, "Ambuscade."

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*Despatched* : 7th June,

192 8. *Time* : 16.30.

*Received* :

192 *Time* :

CAPTAIN

AMBUSCADE.

We have all much appreciated and enjoyed your visit and wish you the very best of luck on your voyage home.

GOVERNOR.

CODE.TELEGRAM.*From* The Children of the Falkland Islands.*To* Captain, "Ambuscade."

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*Despatched :* 7th June, 192 8. *Time :* 16.30*Received :* 192 *Time :*

CAPTAIN

AMBUSCADE.

It was very kind of you to come to see us and we hope that you will come again soon. Please give our love to the sailors and thank them very much for the lovely tea and all the fun we had on board the ships.

CHILDREN OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

653/27.

CODE.TELEGRAM.*From* The Captain, "Ambuscade,"*To* The Private Secretary to H.E. the Governor.

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*Despatched* : 7th June, 192 8. *Time* :*Received* : 192 *Time* :PRIVATE SECRETARY,  
PORTSTANLEY.

I request that you will ask His Excellency to thank the people of the Falklands for the very hearty welcome given to Ambuscade and Amazon. We all wish them good fortune for the future and every success in keeping the flag flying in their distant but very important outpost of the Empire. Goodbye.

AMBUSCADE.

CODE.TELEGRAM.

*From* The Editor, "The Times," London.

*To* The Colonial Secretary.

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*Despatched*: 10th June, 192 8. *Time*: 9.25.

*Received*: 11th June, 192 8. *Time*: 11.15.

SECRETARY,

PORTSTANLEY.

Thanks for message received.

TIMES.

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE (for H.M.SHIPS),

Stanley, F.I.

18th June, 1928.



Sir,

With reference to the above Committee's expenses in connection with the visit of H.M.Ships Ambuscade and Amazon I beg to inform you that I have been presented with accounts amounting in all to £ 65. 17. 11.

2. As I understand that the Government has been pleased to authorise a grant from Public Funds of a sum up to £ 75. to cover these expenses, I shall be obliged if a voucher for the above amount of £ 65. 17. 11. may be passed to the Treasury for collection. I would suggest that, in order to facilitate matters, the voucher be made payable to The Falkland Islands Company, Ltd, and the payments can then be made by me at their Office.

3. A Statement of Expenditure will be published when all accounts have been receipted, and I shall be pleased to forward all such accounts to you for perusal when this has been done, should you desire it.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Hon. Treasurer  
Entertainment Committee.

The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

29th June, 1928.

No. 246.

Sir,

Res 28  
With reference to the previous correspondence relative to the visit to the Colony of H.M. ships "Amazon" and "Ambuscade, I have the honour to confirm Mr. Hodson's telegram of the 7th of June, 1928, and to inform you that these destroyers actually arrived at Stanley in the early morning of the 4th of June and left on the afternoon of the 7th of June.

2. I would say that the visit was greatly appreciated by the Colony as a whole and I would ask that a suitable expression of thanks may be conveyed to My Lords of the Admiralty, if you so think proper, for their consideration in including Stanley in the itinerary of the cruise.

3. I would remark that the general smartness and discipline obtaining on board these ships was in particular to be noticed and that no untoward incident of any sort occurred to mar the amenity of the occasion.

4. I would add that the programme of entertainments and sports arranged for this visit, of which I annex a copy, was successfully concluded. As you will have learned from Mr. Hodson's telegram to which reference is above made the local representatives won the shooting, rowing, golf and billiard contests while the football and boxing contests fell to the ships.

Enclosure I

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

S./

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.



Enclosure II

5. I enclose also in case it may be of interest to you a copy of an account which has been published in the "Penguin" descriptive of the visit in question.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J.M. ELLIS.

ENCLOSURE No. I to FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH No. 246.  
of the 29th of JUNE, 1928.

VISIT OF HIS MAJESTY'S SHIPS "AMBUSCADE"

AND "AMAZON"

PROGRAMME OF ENTERTAINMENTS.

MONDAY, June 4th.

Morning: King's Birthday Parade in Government  
Paddock, 11 a.m.

Afternoon: Football Match, at 2.30 o'clock.

Evening: Performance of the "Troubles of Santa  
Claud", at 7.30 o'clock.

TUESDAY, June 5th.

Morning: Shooting Match, 10 o'clock.

Afternoon: Football Match, 2.30 o'clock.

Rowing Race. at 2.30 o'clock.

Evening: Boxing, at 5.30 o'clock.

Dance in the Town Hall, at 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, June 6th.

Morning: Golf Match, at 10 o'clock.

Afternoon: Rowing Race, 2.30 o'clock.

Evening: Billiards Match, 7 o'clock.

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ENCLOSURE No. II to FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH No. 246  
of the 29th of JUNE, 1928.

VISIT TO STANLEY OF R. M. SHIPS

"AMAZON" and "AMBUSCADE."

from June 4th to June 7th, 1928.

Not for twelve months or more, since the visit of H.M.S. "Capetown" at the end of February, 1927, had the Colony been privileged to welcome the arrival in its waters of any ship of the Royal Navy and on that account the stay in Stanley of the destroyers "Amazon" and "Ambuscade" for four days at the beginning of June, 1928, gave rise to a pleasure greater even than that usually felt in this distant outpost of Empire on a like occasion. The ships themselves, the most recent example of their type of British construction and indeed in any navy, were engaged on a cruise, unique in the history of craft so relatively small, round South America on a mission of showing the flag in the republics of Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina, Chile and Peru, and all in a more or less degree rivals for maritime supremacy in their immediate spheres. Under the experienced leadership of Commander A. T. N. Abbey, D.S.O., in H.M.S. "Ambuscade" and Commander F. Howard, D.S.C, in H.M.S. "Amazon" they left Portsmouth on the 10th of April and were due to return there by the 16th of August.

Fortunately good warning of their visit to the Colony had been received and opportunity had in this manner been afforded to issue to them a comprehensive challenge in no less than six different forms of sport, to wit, football, boxing, rowing, shooting, golf and billiards.

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It is a happy augury for the enduring bonds of imperial unity that the date of the arrival of the ships on the early morning of the 4th of June, coincided with the date fixed this year for the official celebration of His Majesty's birthday. The ceremonial parade usual to the occasion was thus strengthened by the presence of a noticeably smart detachment of fifty-two ratings under an officer.

The parade at which His Excellency the Governor, Arnold Hodson, C.M.G., took the salute in the name of the King and delivered a stirring address, was held in the Town Hall by reason of the uncertainty of the weather conditions at this season of the Antarctic mid-winter. In addition to the naval contingent the Falkland Islands Defence Force were represented thereat by a muster of one officer and fifty-two ratings, the Stanley Boy Scouts by eighteen Scouts under their Scoutmaster, and the Stanley Girl Guides by two Guiders and twenty-six Guides, making a total of all ranks on parade of one hundred and fifty three and contributing to a dignified and impressive display of patriotic strength and sentiment.

On this same morning the prescribed visits of ceremony between the naval and civil authorities were exchanged and the official part of the programme duly discharged. Attention was then turned with a free will to the lighter side of amusement and sports. The first event on the list of challenges to be decided was the football match on the afternoon of the 4th of June in which the ships, represented except for the centreforward by the H.M.S. "Amazon's" team, defeated Stanley by the decisive margin of 6 goals to 2 goals. On the return match played the following day a similar result by 7 goals to 1 goal was recorded. The  
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play of the visitors was distinctly superior to that of the local side in particular as regards their understanding and their passing, and their successes were the more meritorious when the uneven nature of the strange ground is taken into consideration. The accurate marksmanship of their centreforward was especially to be admired.

In the evening of this first day a final performance of His Excellency's popular pantomime was staged in the Town Hall to the boundless delight of a crowded house estimated at some seven hundred and fifty persons including a contingent of two hundred enthusiastic sailors. It is no exaggeration to say that the brilliance and variety of this entertainment came as a revelation to the guests of honour.

The second day of the visit, June 5th, was like its predecessor filled. In the morning the local marksmen gained a somewhat easy victory on the rifle range by 652 points to 576 points. Mention should be made of the exceptionally fine scores put on with open sights under moderate conditions by the captains of the opposing teams, namely, Chief Petty Officer C.R. Fooks, 96, and the Governor, 94, out of a possible 105 at the three distances of 200, 500, and 600 yards. Besides the return football match in the afternoon the rowing race was pulled off and resulted over a mile course in a win for the Stanley crew by 1 minute and 30 seconds. In fairness to the visitors it should be explained that they were handicapped by a heavy boat and that in a return race on the following day with boats exchanged they were successful by almost as great a difference in the medium of a crew drawn from H.M.S. "Ambuscade."

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The boxing match was determined in the evening in the Drill Hall newly erected for the use of the Defence Force before a large audience. Its result came as a disappointment to the Stanley team as out of six fights only one fell to their representative. The local pugilists were engaged in their first match and were naturally somewhat lacking in experience although as a whole they gave a most pleasing and promising display. The sole success, that of F. O'Sullivan in the middle weight, was well-deserved, and the two bouts awarded on points were closely contested. The day ended with a most enjoyable ball arranged by the Entertainment Committee at which the sailors were made readily to feel at home.

On the third day the golf match resulted in a win, both in the singles played in the morning and in the four-somes played in the afternoon, for the local players. His Excellency captained the side in person and set an inspiring lead. In the afternoon the return rowing race was pulled off with the result given above, and in the evening the Billiard match was decided somewhat easily in favour of Captain R.T. Anadroz, R.N. (Retd.) and the Stanley representatives. Even the most modern destroyers are not yet fitted with conveniences for the development of talent in this direction! In the evening after dinner at Government House His Excellency's guests were entertained to a programme of classical music executed by Signor Angel Rossi and his orchestra of local artists.

Then on the 7th of June the time had come for Stanley to part with its new found but short kept friends, who had so endeared themselves by their genial charm and by their special generosity in receiving and entertaining one and all with such lavish good-heartedness on board their ships. The

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children in particular will surely be slow to forget the wonderful parties at which they were taken for a while far from the scene of their ordinary lives. Indeed the thanks of all in the Colony are heartily owed and rendered to My Lords of the Admiralty for permitting the visit to Stanley of such worthy representatives of the premier sea power in the world. And finally a word must be said for once in praise of the weather which throughout the visit, though cold, was calm and clear.

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