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Miscellaneous
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SUBJECT.

1928.

13th April.

Previous Paper.

FORTHCOMING VISIT OF H.M.S. "CORNWALL"
TO THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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Copy of the account to Lt. "Vergin" please *VMS*



Reference to previous correspondence :—

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Secretary of State's Despatch No.....of the
Governor's

.....192.....

FALKLAND ISLANDS.
No.....Miscellaneous.

DOWNING STREET,

...13th April.....1928..

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you the papers noted below on the subject of the forthcoming visit of H.M.S. "Cornwall" to Port Stanley.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

L.S. AMERY

Date.	Description.
<p>1928. 29th March</p>	<p>Admiralty to the Foreign Office.</p> <p>Hon C.S.</p> <p>Please arrange for H.M. Ships to bring mails if they will be so kind. Publish dates of arrival and departure.</p> <p>Intld: A.H.</p> <p>21.5.28</p>

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Admiralty, S.W.1.

29th March, 1928.

M.632/28

Sir,

With reference to Admiralty letter M.4817/27 of the 23rd March, 1928, on the subject of the cruise of H.M.S. "CORNWALL", I am commanded by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to transmit herewith, for the information of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, copy of a programme which has been prepared for this cruise.

Their Lordships would be glad if steps could be taken to transmit this programme to the various Governments concerned as soon as possible, as if this cruise is to be of full value it is desirable to issue statements to the Press both in this country and in South America at the earliest possible date.

The object of the visit to Las Palmas is to purchase fresh provisions and of the visit to Maui Island to afford the ship an opportunity to paint, etc., immediately prior to the Hawaiian celebrations.

A copy of this letter has been sent to the Colonial Office.

I am, etc.

(Sgd)

The Under Secretary of State,
FOREIGN OFFICE. S.W.

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PROGRAMME FOR H.M.S. "CORNWALL".

<u>ARRIVE.</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>DEPART</u>
	United Kingdom	12th May
16th May	Las Palmas	17th May
25th May	Bahia	29th May
1st June	Rio de Janeiro	7th June
10th June	Monte Video	14th June
14th June	Buenos Ayres	20th June
21st June	Bahia Blanca	23rd June
25th June	Port Stanley	1st July
3rd July	Puntas Arenas	6th July
10th July	Telcahuano	11th July
12th July	Valparaiso	19th July
22nd July	Callao	28th July
11th August	Maui Island	14th August
14th August	Honolulu	20th August
3rd Sept.	Hong Kong	

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

19th June, 1928.

The Acting Governor directs the publication of the following programme of entertainments and sporting fixtures which has been arranged, with His Excellency's approval, by the Entertainment Committee on the occasion of the forthcoming visit to Stanley of H.M.S. "Cornwall" between the 25th of June and the 1st of July, 1928.

Monday, 25th June,	N I L.
Tuesday, 26th June,	Shooting Match at 10 a.m., Football Match at 2 p.m., Dance at 9 p.m.
Wednesday, 27th June,	Golf Singles at 10 a.m. or at an hour to be arranged. Boat Race at 2 p.m. Concert at 8 p.m. (doors open 7.15 p.m.)
Thursday, 28th June,	Boxing at 5.30 p.m.
Friday, 29th June,	N I L.
Saturday, 30th June,	Football Match at 2 p.m. Concert by Mr. Rossi.

2. His Excellency has been pleased to approve of a holiday being granted to all Government servants in honour of the visit of H.M.S. "Cornwall" on the afternoon of Thursday, the 28th of June, 1928, as from noon on which day all public offices will close
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and all public works will cease.

3. His Excellency has been pleased furthermore to grant permission for all Government servants who are chosen to represent the Colony in any of the sporting fixtures to be released from their duties in order to take part therein and also to take part in genuine practice or training for such sporting fixtures.

By Command,

G. R. Brown

for Colonial Secretary.

M.P. 229/28.

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TELEGRAM.

From H. E. the Ag. Governor.

To The Captain. H.M.S. 'Cornwall'

Despatched : 20th June 1928 192 Time : 1600

Received : 192 Time :

CAPTAIN,

CORNWALL.

Whole Colony is eagerly expecting your visit and hopes that you will take up challenges at football, rowing, shooting, golf, boxing and billiards. Much regret that being confined to bed in hospital with broken leg I shall be unable personally to receive you at Government House or to do much towards your entertainment. I trust that you will excuse this shortcoming on my part.

ELLIS. Colonial Secretary and
Acting Governor.

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TELEGRAM.*From* British Consul, Magallanes.*To* His Excellency the Governor,*Despatched:* 27th June, 1928. *Time:* 11.50*Received:* 28th June, 1928. *Time:* 10.35.

GOVERNOR

PORTSTANLEY

Following for Captain R.N. H.M.S. Cornwall message begins. I am informed definitely by His Majesty's Legation de Chile that you are not calling Punta Arenas yet British Consul General Buenos Aires informs me he has sent correspondence to this office by you and that you arrive here 3rd July sailing 6th July. Please telegraph reply with least possible delay which is correct. Message ends.

BRITISH CONSUL

MAGALLANES.

229/26

28th June, 28.

Sir,

I am directed by the Acting Governor to communicate to you the following text of a telegram which has been received this day by His Excellency from the British Consul at Magellanes, Chile.

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2. I am to inquire what reply His Excellency may send on your behalf to this Telegram.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



for Colonial Secretary.

The Commanding Officer,
H.M.S. "Cornwall",
Stanley.

FROM The Commanding Officer H.M.S. "CORNWALL" at Stanley.

DATE 28th June 1928. No. 123/1/191.

TO The Acting Governor, Stanley, Falkland Islands.

With reference to your letter No.229/28 dated 28th June, it is requested that you will good enough to telegraph to the effect that H.M.S. "CORNWALL" will arrive at Punta Arenas on 3rd July and sail on 6th July.

Robert D. Allen

Commander for
C A P T A I N .

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TELEGRAM.

From The Colonial Secretary,

To The British Consul, Magallanes.

Despatched: 29th June, 192 8. Time: 22.00

Received: 192 Time:

BRITCONSUL

MAGALLANES

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Reference to your telegram of the 27th June
H.M.S. Cornwall will arrive Punta Arenas 3rd July
and sail on 6th July.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

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TELEGRAM.

His Excellency the Acting Governor.

From.....

The Captain, H.M.S. "Cornwall".

To.....

<i>Despatched :</i>	1st July,	8.	3 p.m.
		192	<i>Time :</i>
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<i>Received :</i>		192	<i>Time :</i>

CAPTAIN
CORNWALL.

We have all greatly enjoyed your visit and wish you godspeed. The children in particular thank you for the delightful party you gave them yesterday.

GOVERNOR.

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TELEGRAM.

From The Colonial Secretary.

To The Editor, The Times, London.

Despatched: 1st July, 192 8. *Time:* 3 p.m.

Received: ... 192 *Time:*

EDITOR
TIMES
LONDON.

Cornwall Stanley June 26th July 1st visit most enjoyable
although heavy snowfall hard forst interfered outdoor
sports Colony won rowing miniature shooting ship boxing.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

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TELEGRAM.

From H.E. the Acting Governor,

To The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched: 2nd July, 192 S. Time: 16.00

Received: 192 Time:

CHAPELRIE

LONDON

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Your despatch 13th April Miscellaneous H.M.S.

Cornwall arrived 26th June left 1st July. Visit has been most successful and enjoyable despite severe weather which interfered with outdoor sport. Colony won rowing and miniature shooting and H.M.S. Cornwall boxing. Despatch follows.

GOVERNOR.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

10th July, 1928.

NEWLAND ISLANDS.

N. 252.

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Officer Commanding R.N.S. "Cornwall", Captain the Hon.
W. L. LEVISON-GOWER, D.S.O. to be in every way sympath-
etic and considerate.

Sir,

I have the honour to confirm my telegram of the
2nd of July, 1928, and to inform you that in accord-
ance with the itinerary drawn up H.M.S. "Cornwall"
visited Stanley between the 26th of June, and the
1st of July, 1928. I enclose a copy of an account
of the visit which has been written for publication
in the local newspaper "The Penguin".

In duplicate.

2. You will see that the weather conditions
throughout the period covered by the visit were
seasonably inclement with the result that the prog-
ramme of sports arranged had to be curtailed to the
total exclusion of football and golf. The rowing
races were both won by the Stanley crews and the
local team was likewise successful in the rifle
shooting on the miniature range. The boxing match,
such as it was, fell to the ship.

3. As usual the presence of a man-of-war in
the harbour contributed largely to the gaiety of the
town but I am glad to say that no incident of an
untoward nature has come to my notice. I am assured
that the most cordial relations prevailed throughout
her stay between the people of the Colony and the
ship's company.

4. I would express regret that I was able to do
practically nothing in person towards the proper

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

celebration/

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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of the 10th of July, 1928.

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J. M. ELLIS.

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Previous to her arrival at Stanley the warship had sailed at Las Palmas, Bahia, Rio de Janeiro, Montevideo, Buenos Aires and Bahia Blanca. She entered the inner harbour, and remained at anchor just south of Navy Point for five days from the morning of the 25th of June to the morning of the 1st of July, when she sailed for Punta Arenas and other South American ports on the West Coast.

The complete success of the visit was marred in some degree by the climatic conditions, which were but too seasonable, consisting, as they did, in a heavy fall of snow and a hard frost throughout the period stated. In consequence the programme of outdoor sports had to be curtailed to the rowing races, the football pitch and to

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ENCLOSURE TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH NO. 253
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golf links being alike entirely unfit for play. Despite the severe weather, however, large parties of the ship's company were seen on shore each day and professed, except for the sudden change from the heat to the cold, to enjoy themselves thoroughly among people of their own race and speech. They found at any rate a novel form of amusement in sleighing and tobogganing down the excellent tracks made on the hilly streets of the town, while snow-balling also proved a great attraction.

The rowing races, two in number, were both won by Stanley by a clear margin. These successes obtained with different crews were the more gratifying in so much as the boats used were furnished by the ship and were identical thus obviating any dispute as to unfair advantage in this direction which otherwise might possibly have arisen.

The boxing match was disappointing. Stanley from a variety of causes could place only two representatives in the ring who both suffered defeat at the hands of their opponents. The bouts, however, were pluckily contested, and the evening's entertainment was made up with instructive exhibition rounds between the really first-class boxers in H.M.S. "Cornwall". Our local "bantams" performed their usual turn with the usual result - a draw.

It was unfortunate again that the rifle shooting matches could not be decided on the open range but the exposed position of the open range on the slopes of Sapper Hill made this impossible. A series of three matches was shot off therefore instead on the miniature range in the Defence Force Drill Hall, and resulted in a

victory/

victory for the local team by two matches to one. The keenness with which these matches were contested is apparent from the scores which show a final advantage throughout the series of six points only for Stanley in a total, possible, of two thousand four hundred points.

On the official side the ceremonies common to such an occasion in the Colony had necessarily to be restricted to a minimum in view of the absence on leave of the Governor, and of the confinement to hospital with a broken leg of the Acting Governor. It is understood, however, that the Captain and his officers and men were not loathe to have a respite in this manner in the middle of their somewhat strenuous engagements at the numerous ports on their itinerary is no less than four of the leading republics of Latin America.

The entertainments held in the Town Hall in honour of H.M.S. "Cornwall" included a most enjoyable dance to which the ship's company generally were invited and at which the visitors' band played to the delight of all present, a capital concert given by their troupe "The Dandies", and a recital of classical music performed by Signor Angel Fossi and his orchestra of local artistes. The hospitality of the Defence Force Club was extended liberally to the ship and a second dance was organised by its members which proved a success rivalling that of the first dance. With that generosity for which the people of Stanley almost have come to look from His Majesty's ships all the children in the town with their parents or relatives were entertained to tea on board H.M.S. "Cornwall" on the afternoon of the 29th of June. Apart from
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the enjoyment usually abundant at such parties a deep impression was created by the wonders of this latest example of a modern warship with its blend of powerful largeness, smart efficiency, improved appliances, and comfortable accommodation. If a comment may be made it is, perhaps, right to remark that owing, apparently, to a misapprehension a difficulty in procuring the means of conveyance to the ship was experienced by many intending visitors from the shore earlier in the week although the announcement had been made with the kind authority of the Officer Commanding, Captain the Hon. W. S. Leveson-Gower, D.S.O., that the ship would be open to receive visitors each day in the afternoon.

A feature of the week's arrangements worthy of special mention is the admirable "The Dansants" held daily under the direction of the Rev. S. E. E. Aylward in the Church Hall which supplied a long-felt want in the way of the easy provision of healthy recreation for the sailors on liberty and their fair friends, both old and new, for by fortunate chance not a few of them were renewing previous acquaintance with the Falkland Islands.

In conclusion the thanks of the public of Stanley are due once more to the members of the Entertainment Committee and their willing helpers, in particular the responsible officials of the Public Works Department, who spared no pains to ensure that the visitors should take away with them the happiest recollections of their stay.
