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1928.

No.

267/28.

Admiral W. Cowan.

SUBJECT.

1928

3rd May.

H. M. S. COLOMBO.

Previous Paper.

Programme of cruise of.

MINUTES.

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Letter from Admiral W. Cowan of America and West India Station, dated 3rd May, 1928.

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Ltr to Admiral America & West Indies Station of 3rd July 1928

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Telegram from Mr. Evans, Port-Howard dated 13.7.28

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Telegram to Mr. Evans, Port-Howard dated 17.7.28.

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" from " " " 20/7/28.

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" to " " " 21/7/28.

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" from H.B. M. Vice-Consul, Talcahuano, 20th July, 1928.

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Ltr to manager. F.I.S. of 24th July 1928

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Telegram from Captain H.M.S. Colombo of 2 Aug 1928.

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Minute from S.I.C. the Governor of 2. Aug. 1928.

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Telegram from Gov. to S. of S. 17. Aug. 1928

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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.

ADMIRALTY HOUSE,
BERMUDA.

3rd May 1928.

No. 36.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit herewith
(Enclosure 1). for your Excellency's information a copy of the approximate
programme of the forthcoming cruise of His Majesty's
Ship "COLOMBO".

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Excellency's obedient Servant,

Walter Cowan

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

Admiral,
Commander-in-Chief,
America and West Indies Station.

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APPROXIMATE PROGRAMME OF H.M.S. "COLOMBO."

Place.	Arrive.	Leave.
Bermuda	—	Wed. ^{Wed.} 16 th May.
Canal Zone	Mon., 21st May	Fri., 25th May.
Buenaventura, Columbia	Sat., 26th May	Wed., 30th May.
Lobitos, Peru	Fri., 1st June	Mon., 4th June.
Payta, Peru	Mon., 4th June	Fri., 8th July ^{JUNE}
Salaverry, Peru	Sat., 9th June	Tue., 12th June.
Mollendo, Peru	Fri., 15th June	Tue., 19th June.
Iquique, Chile	Wed., 20th June	Mon., 25th June.
Antofagasta, Chile	Tue., 26th June	Mon., 2nd July.
Valparaiso, Chile	Wed., 4th July	Mon., 16th July.
Concepcion, Chile	Tue., 17th July	Mon., 23rd July.
Punta Arenas, Chile (Magellan Straits)	Fri., 27th July	Wed., 1st Aug.
Port Stanley, Falkland Islands	Fri., 3rd Aug.	Thur., 16th Aug.
Buenos Aires, Argentine	Mon., 20th Aug.	Wed., 29th Aug.
Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil	Fri., 31st Aug.	Fri., 7th Sep.
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	Mon., 10th Sep.	Tue., 18th Sep.
Bahia, Brazil	Fri., 21st Sep.	Fri., 28th Sep.
Trinidad	Sun., 7th Oct.	Wed., 10th Oct.
Bermuda	Mon., 15th Oct.	—

WALTER COWAN.
Admiral,
Commander-in-Chief,
America and West Indies Station.

18-4-28.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY.

3rd July, 1928.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 267 /28.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd of May, 1928, forwarding a copy of the approximate programme of the cruise of His Majesty's Ship "Colombo" and to inform you that the Colony as a whole is looking forward to the visit.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. M. ELLIS.

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

CODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Mr. R. C. Pole-Evans, Port Howard.

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched: 13th July, 1928. Time: 1500

Received: 13th July, 1928. Time: ..

SECRETARY
PORTSTANLEY.

SHACKLE STILL HAS A COLD BUT CAN GO IN FOR COLOMBO
IF FIT

EVANS.

CODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Mr. R. C. Pole-Evans, Port Howard,

To The Colonial Secretary .

Despatched : 20th July, 192 8. *Time* 9.10.

Received : 20th July, 192 8. *Time* 10.28.

SECRETARY
PORTSTANLEY.

SHACKLE STILL HAS SLIGHT COLD AND HAS HAD NO
TRAINING THEREFORE I DO NOT CONSIDER IT WORTH WHILE
HIM COMING IN.

EVANS.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAM.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				21.7.28.
To	EVANS PORTHOWARD			

YOUR TELEGRAM OF 20th I AGREE.

SECRETARY.

Time

CODE.

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TELEGRAM.*From* H.B.M's Vice-Consul, Talcahuano.*To* His Excellency the Acting Governor.

Despatched : 20th July, 1928. *Time :* 14.14.*Received :* 21st July, 1928. *Time :* 11.05.GOVERNOR
PORTSTANLEY.H.M.S. "Colombo" will require 0700 tons of fuel your
port.

COOPER.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From The Captain, H.M.S. 'COLOMBO'

To The Colonial Secretary, Stanley

Despatched: 2nd, August, 192 8 *Time*: 2305
Received: 3rd August, 192 8 *Time*: 1048.

COLONIAL SECRETARY,
PORT STANLEY.

Expect to arrive between 0700 and 0800
tomorrow Friday.

Captain H.M.S. 'Colombo'

No.

(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute, the above Number and the date may be quoted).



MINUTE.

13th August, 19 28

From Colonial Engineer,
.....

Stanley.
.....
.....

To

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

I beg to attach 5 copies of an issue voucher for 8 tons coal supplied to-day to H.M.S. "Colombo" and submit that the vouchers be forwarded to the ship for signature and return. Four signed copies are required, three of which will be for claiming on the Admiralty.

L.B. White
for Colonial Engineer.

ISSUE VOUCHER.

No.....

To the Storekeeper *Public Works* Department.

Please issue the following articles.

Issue to..... *Colonbo*.....

(Above line only to be filled in when the issue is for a subordinate employee of the Department requisitioning.)

Officer or Charge Hand requisitioning.

Ledger Folio.	Articles.	Quantity.	Rate. †	† Amount.			Remarks.
				£	s.	d.	
	Coal, Welsh, steam.	8 tons.	2/11/84 ton.	220.	13.	4.	Supplied to H.M.S. "Colonbo" at Port Stanley Falkland Islands 13th Aug. 1922.

Date.....192....

Received the above mentioned stores.

Entered.....

Storekeeper.

Recipient. (Officer requisitioning)

13th August, 1922

[Store Form C.]

† The third and fourth columns to be filled in by Storekeeper.

Telegram sent in name of Col. Lee.

to Captain H.M.S. "Colombo" 2. 8. 28.

1. Thank you for your telegram x

We are all looking forward to your

visit x Harbor Master will meet you

in Port William on arrival.

2. Please delete words in Port

William in by first telegram.

Yours
2

2. 8. 28.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Acting Governor.

To The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched: 17th August, 1928. *Time:* 3.30.

Received: ... 192 *Time:*

CHAPELRIES
LONDON.

H.M.S. "Colombo" arrived 3rd August and left 16th August with Lamotte and mail. Her visit has been most successful. H.M.S. "Colombo" has done everything in her power to promote good feeling in the Colony and to assist this Government. Despatch follows.

GOVERNOR.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From.....H..E..the Ag..Governor.....

To.....The Captain Colombo.....

Despatched : 17th August. 192 Time :

Received : 192 Time :

CAPTAIN,
COLOMBO.

Red 21. Many thanks for your delightful message which is highly appreciated by all. Colombo has left behind her a name long to be remembered and has endeared herself in particular to the children. We wish you good luck and safe return and hope that you will come again soon.

GOVERNOR.

From His Excellency the Acting Governor
to The Officer-in-Charge of the Secretariat.

Please express to Col. Pyman's
department my real appreciation of
and ~~the~~ thanks for the efficient & ready
manner in which they have performed
their many duties, often of a voluntary
nature, in connection with the
preparation & maintenance of the
Town Hall for the numerous functions
which have been held there during
the past fortnight since 1895.
"Colombo" has been at Stanley.

Yours
2 17.8.24.

From His Excellency the Acting Governor

to The Officer-in-Charge of the Secretariat.

Off^r 1/2 S.A.

Please ask (Honor) Master
to express to the crew of S/L
"Penguin" my appreciation of the manner,
activity at the complaining, & such
they have performed their long &
arduous duty during the past
fortnight while on the "Colombo" has
been in port.

J.M.D.

17.6.28.

26/7/28.

"Penguin"
✓
Sent
published
reunited

H.M. S. "COLOMBO",
at Port Stanley,
16th August 1928.

Sir,

Before leaving Stanley I am anxious to express to Your Excellency the gratitude felt by the Officers and men of H.M. Ship under my command for the generous hospitality that has been shown them during their stay in this Colony.

It is respectfully submitted that you will convey the thanks of the Ship's Company to the people of Stanley by causing a paragraph to be inserted in the "Penguin" to that effect. I have to mention specially the excellent work done by the Rev. S.E.E. Aylward and the ladies who helped him by their untiring energy to provide such popular entertainment for the men.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

C. Dobson

His Excellency
The Governor,
Falkland Islands.

Captain.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

31st August, 1928.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 298.

Enclosure I

4. I enclose in case it may be of interest to you a copy of an account of this visit written for publication in the newspaper "Penguin".

Sir,

I enclose also a copy of a letter addressed by the Commanding Officer to myself on the departure of H.M.S. "Colombo" from Stanley.

H.M.S. "Colombo" of the America and West Indies Station visited Stanley between the 3rd and the 16th of August, 1928.

Sir,

2. I have much pleasure in stating that this visit proved most successful as well as most enjoyable and that no untoward incident of any ^{description} was brought to my notice throughout the ship's stay; indeed the behaviour of the ship's company on shore can be described without exaggeration as exemplary.

3. I would wish to pay a warm tribute in particular to the unfailing courtesy shewn by the Commanding Officer, Captain C. C. Dobson, V.C., D.S.O., and his officers, towards myself and towards all sections of the community and also to their spontaneous readiness, individually and collectively, to be of assistance to the Government of the Colony in any direction suggested to them. The liberal manner in which the ship was open to visitors from the town on no less than seven out of the fourteen days of the visit and the generous entertainment afforded/

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

afforded them on board, noticeably by the sailors to the children, were appreciated in a high degree.

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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. M. ELLIS.

Enclosure I

Enclosure II.

which lay in Stanley Harbour from the 1st to the 14th of August, 1923.

In the first place the ship was a very fine ship, Captain C. C. Dobson, V.R., was on board the tone of her conversation was "picked" ship. The discipline was excellent, the lower deck on shore was remarkable, but the discipline on board was not so strict as to maintain the inhabitants of Stanley or to require the intervention of the police. The officers and crew were all, were of surprising courtesy and it was evident that they had the whole-hearted confidence and moral support of their petty officers. Despite the prolonged sojourn in foreign waters the efficiency of the ship and the seaworthiness of her landing parties in every respect yielded readily to demand. Moreover as the first and foremost in H.M.S. "Colombo" was the friendly spirit towards the people of the Colony so clearly felt by all ranks. Their hospitality, both personal and public, seemed literally unbounded. In particular the action of Captain Dobson in opening the ship generally to visitors on seven out of the fourteen days during which the ship was in Stanley earned the most lively satisfaction. We must indeed congratulate

ENCLOSURE NO. I TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCHNo. 298 of the 31st AUGUST, 1928.

In the course of the history of the Colony many ships of His Majesty's fleet have visited Stanley and after a somewhat lengthy interval these visits have become again more frequent. Few ships have left behind them, however, such a keen and happy memory as the cruiser "Colombo" which lay in Stanley harbour from the 3rd to the 16th of August, 1928.

In the first place from the Commanding Officer, Captain C. C. Dobson, V.C., D.S.O., to the youngest Boy on board the tone of her personnel stamped her as a "picked" ship. The discipline and behaviour of the lower deck on shore was remarkable; not one single untoward incident occurred at any rate such as to concern the inhabitants of Stanley or to require the intervention of the police. The officers and warrant officers, one and all, were of unvarying courtesy and it was evident that they had the whole hearted confidence and loyal support of their petty officers. Despite her protracted cruise in foreign waters the efficiency of the ship and the smartness of her landing parties on parade would yield readily to none. Moreover noticeable first and foremost in H.M.S. "Colombo" was the friendly spirit towards the people of the Colony so clearly felt by all ranks. Their hospitality, both personal and public, seemed literally unbounded. In particular the action of Captain Dobson in opening the ship generally to visitors on seven out of the fourteen days during which the ship was in Stanley caused the most lively satisfaction. We must indeed

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congratulate Captain Dobson, his officers, and all ranks on the entire success of their visit from the point of view at least of the Colony and thank them for their many kindnesses to us. We trust that it will not be long before H.M.S. "Colombo" is sent again to visit us and with personnel unchanged.

From the climatic aspect it was unfortunate in some degree that the visit should have been the third in the course of the present winter. During the first few days of the ship's stay the weather although chilly was sufficiently favourable but on the night of the 7th of August heavy snow fell and the ground remained thickly covered under its white blanket until the beginning of the following week. In consequence of this fall and of the difficulty in finding a suitable pitch it was possible only to play one game of football on the 6th of August which resulted in a rather easy win for the sailors by eight goals to two goals. From a like reason the shooting match on the range could not be decided. The rowing race on the 10th of August proved a surprise and a disappointment to Stanley whose crew after a very game race were defeated for the first time in many years by the margin of about half a minute over a mile and a half course. It is but fair to the losers to remark that the race was rowed in boats furnished by the ship without wishing in any way to detract from the undoubted merit of their conquerors. Billiard matches played between representatives of the shore and the sea were won somewhat easily by the former and at golf after exciting struggles the scales of victory were

inclined/

inclined slightly on the side of the visitors. From a variety of causes it was not found practicable to contest the challenge at boxing previously issued to the America and West Indies Station of which H.M.S. "Colombo" is a unit. With the kind co-operation, however, of Captain D. A. C. Shepherd, R.M., the well-known Navy and Inter-services Champion, a most enjoyable and instructive boxing evening was held on the 10th of August in the Drill Hall. In addition to bouts between men from the ship and to a practical exposition of the art of boxing by Captain Shepherd two fights were staged in which Fairport Sullivan of Stanley beat A.B. Smy of H.M.S. "Colombo" and Boy Guest of H.M.S. "Colombo" beat Mansell Hardy of Stanley.

On the official side the usual formal visits between the Acting Governor and the Commanding Officer were duly exchanged on the day of arrival. On Sunday the 5th of August His Excellency, Captain Dobson and a number of his officers as well as a landing party of some fifty ratings attended divine service in the Cathedral while on the following Sunday a Church Parade was organised at which in addition to the landing party from H.M.S. "Colombo" a strong detachment of the Falkland Islands Defence Force and the Stanley Boy Scouts and Girl Guides were present. At the service the Acting Governor read the first lesson and Captain Dobson the second lesson and afterwards His Excellency accompanied by Captain Dobson took the Salute as the parade marched past the flag on Victory Green.

Pride/

A pride of place among the amusements arranged for the enjoyment of the visitors must be given to dancing. A Ball was most successfully conducted by the Entertainment Committee for the ship's company on Monday the 6th of August and numerous other dances were held during the fortnight both in the Town Hall and in the Parish Room; due credit for the popularity of those which took place in the latter must be awarded to the Assistant Chaplain, the Rev. S. E. E. Aylward.

The ship's concert party the "UMBOS" performed a varied and bright programme to a large and enthusiastic audience in the Town Hall on Saturday night the 11th of August the proceeds of which were most generously presented by them towards the expenses of providing a treat for the children.

Which treat must on no account be confounded with the wonderful and delightful party given by the ship's company to all the children of Stanley on the 14th of August. This party has made a lasting impression on all who had the good fortune to be guests at it and will long be gratefully remembered as a true climax to a visit which brought for a season unalloyed happiness and pure joy to the people of the Falkland Islands.
