

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Governor's Office.

No. *227/15*

Date of Receipt.

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From

SUBJECT.

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Secretary of State for the Colonies.

PRINCESS MARY'S GIFT

Information re

No.

Date

Circ.

18th May, 1915.

Colonial Secretary's Record No.

39/15

Registered Number of last Despatch.

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*Seen - mail. 27. 15
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Despatch to Sec. of State No. *111* of the 13th Sept., 1915.

Cop of Sec of State Circular sent to Col Sec - with instructions to return 25 of the gifts, received over the numbers required, as directed.

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No. next Despatch.

CIRCULAR.



Downing Street,

18th May, 1915.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that, in accordance with the wish of Her Royal Highness the Princess Mary, a fund has been raised in this country for the purpose of sending a gift to every person, whether native or European, who was wearing the King's uniform in any part of the world upon Christmas Day, 1914.

2. It has for various reasons been found impossible to give effect to Her Royal Highness's wishes at the date originally contemplated, but arrangements for the despatch of the gifts are now well in hand, and I hope that they will reach your Government and be available for distribution at an early date.

3. The Crown Agents for the Colonies have been instructed to apprise you of the date of the despatch of the gifts and of the name of the steamer by which they are being forwarded to you.

4. Should the number of gifts sent out be found in any case to exceed or to fall short of the number of persons entitled to receive them, the Honorary Secretary of the Fund should be communicated with direct, and any surplus gifts should be returned to him as soon as conveniently possible; but, as enquiries have been made in each case as to the number of gifts required, it is hoped that but little adjustment will be necessary.

The Honorary Secretary's address is:—

Her Royal Highness the Princess Mary's
Sailors and Soldiers Christmas Fund,
Devonshire House,
Piccadilly,
London, W.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

L. HARCOURT.

The Officer Administering

the Government of
Falkland Islands

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

NO. 111

Government House, Stanley.

13th September, 1915.

Sir,

With reference to your telegram of the 26th January, and Circular despatch of the 18th May, 1915, I have the honour to report that the gifts of Her Royal Highness Princess Mary to the members of the Falkland Islands Volunteer Force have been received, and that after a Special Church Parade yesterday morning I handed the gifts to the members of the Force present on parade, who were serving with the Colours on the 25th December, 1914.

2. On behalf of the members of the Volunteer Force I beg that an expression of the deep appreciation felt by them may be tendered to Her Royal Highness for Her gracious act towards them.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

Douglas Young
Governor.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.