

CONFIDENTIAL.

C.S.

1936

No.

C/118/36.

S. of S. Conf. Circular.

SUBJECT.

1936.

30th July.

Previous Paper.

GOVERNORS OF COLONIAL DEPENDENCIES TO REMAIN
IN THEIR TERRITORIES DURING THE PERIOD OF CELEBRATIONS
FOR HIS MAJESTY'S CORONATION.

MINUTES.

1. S. of S. Conf. Circular of 30/7/36.

Y.E.

Submitted.

a minute on the Coronation Celebrations has been
put up on no. 175/36.

of res.
18/9/36.

~~18/9~~ 18/9

2. S. of S. Confidential despatch of 24/8/36.

Y.E.

Submitted - W. T. C. para 5 perhaps the
foundation stone of the new Secretariat building
could be laid by Y.E. on 12 May.

W. regard to Broadcasting, Parades, & Processions
I would suggest for the approval of Y.E. that the
responsible persons concerned might be asked
to write letters being submitted for the information of
Y.E. before issue.

of res.
26/11/36

Subsequent Paper.

the of C1
Your Para 1 Yes
2 The Committee should see
this

~~ttttt~~ 26/11/36

P.S. I wish an Agricultural Show
to be held next year and an early
announcement sh^d be made on this
subject

A letter sh^d go to the Local
C.C. with the strong hope that a
warship may be loaned to the
~~ttttt~~

S. of S. Circular despatch Conf. of 2/9/36. 3.
S. of S. Conf. despatch of 7/9/36 — 4-5.

Y.E.

The O.P.W. has been informed that the foundation stone of
the new Secretariat building will be laid by Your
Excellency on the day of the Coronation - 12 May 1937.

2. Before confirming the arrangement in writing I suggest
the following inscription for the consideration and approval of

Y.E.: "This foundation stone was laid by
His Excellency H. Hunkler-Heaton Esq. C. M. G.,
Governor and Commander-in-Chief
on the day of the coronation of
His Majesty King Edward VIII.
12th May 1937"

3. It is suggested in M.P. 175/36 Minute sheet 2, that a
meeting of the Coronation Committee be held
on Monday 9th Nov.

4. The Despatches at refs (3) and (4)-(5)
are submitted.

5. p.a.c. no (3) I suggest for the approval of Y.E. that the present oc. of the F.I.D.F. and Cpl. O'Sullivan be selected to represent the F.I.D.F. at the Coronation of H. M. King on 12 May 1937.

I may mention that the oc. F.I.D.F. has previously served with British, Indian and African Forces and that throughout his career he has been connected with military forces.

He could leave about 5 a.m. and arrive back in Stanley on 30 June.

I may add that arrangements are already in the course of completion for the adjutant to attend Bisle in July 1937 and a course of instruction in Hummer Stroppa lasting about two months.

With regard to Cpl. O'Sullivan it is the intention of the oc. D.F. to arrange that this N.C.O. should undergo a course of instruction in Drill, Bayonet Fighting and Gymnastics for a period of about three months after the Coronation and endeavours be made for him to be attached to the Guards for the purpose of instruction.

6. I would recommend the selection of A.S.

J. Bourne^{O.S.E.} as the unofficial member to represent the Colony at the Coronation. Mr. Bourne fulfils the requirements suggested in para 2 of the Despatch at red (5).

For the information of Y.E. I may state that Mr. Maddood is proceeding to England for the Coronation as he has not yet served on the Council.

J. E. C. S.
29/4/36
I would be very glad for the OC D.F. and Cpl. O'Sullivan to represent the Force but the question of expense very material having regard to the fact that the total vote for the Coronation is £5000 and representatives of the Force

are already going to the U.K. in connection
with Biscay.

Will you please say what the cost of
the two passages will be.

In returning this will you please attach
the file on the 1910 Coronation arrangements.

Mr. Serp Sauer will I think be
a suitable representative of the Army

W.H. 31/1/36

Y.E.

The cost of the passages at ordinary Govt. Rates amount
to £200-15-0. Subject to the approval of Y.E. I should like
to approach the F.I.C. with regard to a special rate for
such an occasion. I believe it might be possible to
arrange the passages from Dover to Monte Video for a
nominal sum and perhaps the R.M.S. would also
make a considerable reduction. They could be approached
through the F.I.C. or the Cr. Agents in London.

2. The Biscay Team consists really of members of the F.I.C.F.
Rifle Association and I should prefer to see that others
may be given the opportunity of proceeding to the U.K. as
it so seldom happens other than through the Rifle Assn.
and it was not known that representatives were being
invited with the provision of £500 was included in the 1910
Estimates.

3. I should not like to recommend that the passages should be
taken from the £500 as in view of the fact that over £1200 was
spent on the Centenary Celebrations the sum of £500 will be
fully required for local celebrations.

4. all the files I can find on the 1910 Coronation are sent
herewith.

Prod.
31/1/36

W.H. 3/1/36

Telegram to S.O.S. No. 82 of 26. 11. 36. (16)

Telegram from S.O.S. No. 119 of 1. 11. 36. (17)

Y.E.

Submitted

The "Highland Brigade" arrives in England on 6 May and leaves England again on 22 May.

Jed.
2/12/36

~~tttt~~ 2/12/36

~~B.F. 4. 1. 37~~
Jed. 2/12

B.F. 4. 1. 37
McH. 23. 11. 36

Letter from Brown Agents of 19. 11. 36. 18-19.

Y.E. Submitted.

2. Major Stewart has spoken to me regarding the question of appointing him to represent the Defence Force at the Coronation in England. I will speak to Jed. about this. McH
cs

It is very desirable that ^{1. 1. 37} the Defence Force ~~Colony~~ should be properly represented and after discussing this with you I approve of a grant of £90 for Major Stewart's return passage if he is prepared to travel 2nd class in a A boat

~~tttt~~ 2/12/37

Major Stewart
O.T. Defence Force.

To note. Will you kindly
furnish dates of when you
propose to sail and return
so that passage can be booked
for you.

W. C. S.
Ct.
2, 1. 57

Reply

I appreciate very much the honour
which has been conferred on me and I
am very pleased indeed to accept the
terms on which I shall represent the
Colony at the Coronation of His
Majesty the King.

2. The last connection is leaving
Stanley on 5th April connecting with
the Highland Vessel - Highland Brigade -
which is due to arrive in England
on 6th May. I shall leave England on
the same vessel on 22nd May arriving
at Monte Video on 10th June and
Stanley on 16th June

3. I should be obliged if the passages
could be booked by Govt. making
special mention of the concessions granted
for a voyage out and return by the
same vessel and the reduced rate offered
on the Laponia. I shall travel 1st class
on the Highland Vessel and pay the

difference in cost to the Treasury.

4. I should also be obliged if you would furnish me with a letter authorizing the sending of Drum Major O'Sullivan to proceed to England for the Coronation.

J. O. S. D. F.
4/1/36

M. P. Submitted. I understand from Major Stewart that you approve of Drum Major O'Sullivan being sent to England for the Coronation.

WCH
4.1.37

Yes that is so

Papers etc. to be looked and a despatch to be sent saying in reply to Re: 3 what is being done

ttttt 5/1/36

Letter to the Manager, F. B. Co., of 5.1.37.

(20)

WCH

Letter to Officer Commanding, F. B. Co. of 6.1.37.

(21)

WCH

Minute from H. B. Shelton 7/1/37 (22-3)

Letter to Geo. Bonnet Esq 8/1/37

(24)

Letter from Manager, F. B. Co 11/1/37

(25)

Letter to Manager, F. B. Co 11/1/37

(26)

Bf. W. 1. 37
meH 11. 1. 37.

- 27. Telegram. Gen. S. of S. No. 9 of 16. 1. 37.
- 28. Government Notice No. 15 of 18. 1. 37.

meH
18. 1. 37.

29-34. S. of S. despatch, no. 177 of 21/12/36.

P.A.
meH

(35) Circuits from H.C. the Governor, of 29/1/37.

H.
With reference to H's
minute red 28 was
published on the authority
of red 27.

meH
es.
30. 1. 37.

Thanks

ttttt 30/1

P.A.

H. Draft despatch Submitted

meH
5. 2. 37 ttttt

Confidential despatch to S. of S. of 12/2/37

(36)

Y/B.

Despatch submitted for signature.

C. J. O.
for
17/2/37

Signed
MCH
17. 2. 37

Telegram No. 19 of 17. 2. 37 from S. of S.

(37)

- S. of S. despatch no 8 of 19/1/37
- " " " " " 16/1/37
- " Confidential despatch of 14/1/37
- " 3rd pr.
- " Confidential despatch of 20/1/37

- (38-40)
- (41)
- (42-43)
- (44)
- (45-46)

Y/B.

Draft telegram in reply to Red (37) submitted.

In the light of Red (41). Red (36) will require amendment?

C. J. O.
for
18/2/37

Hon. Col. Sec.

Approved,

2. Yes - but as at present arranged Capt. O' Sullivan will remain in England for training.

MCH
Col. Gov.
18. 2. 37

- 47. Telegram to S. of S. No. 14 of 19. 2. 37.
- (48) Despatch to S. of S. No. 34 of 20/2/37
✓
mcH
- (49) Minute to Major Hon. M. J. Stewart of 25. 2. 37.

~~P.A.
20/2/37~~

- (50) Telegram from S. of S. No. 25 of 4. 3. 37.

✓
Should arrive by next mail.
mcH
4. 3. 37.

51-52. Letter from G. Tomlinson, Esq. of 7. 1. 37.

53. Minute from H. E. the Governor of 12. 3. 37.

54. Telegram to S. of S. No. 21 of 12. 2. 37.

55-56. S. of S. Conf. Circ. Note of 5/2/37

✓
Submitted for information
mcH
C.S.
15. 3. 37

~~THH~~ 15/3/37

~~P.A.~~

(57-58)

S. of S. Circ (2) despatch of 5/2/37

Minute to Major the Hon. M. J. Stewart of 16. 3. 37. (59)
Telegram from S. of S. No 35 of 23. 3. 37. (60)

O. C. Defence Force,

With reference to Ref (60) will you please state your wishes in regard to accommodation.

ad
G. J. S.
22/3/37

Hon. C. S.

I shall arrange for my own accommodation required after 15th May.

J. S. J. S. J.
25/3/37

Yr Submitted. To reply accordingly.

W. H.
25. 5. 37

~~W. H.~~ 25/3

Telegram to S. of S. No. 31. of 25. 3. 37.

Telegram from S. of S. No. 39 of 2. 4. 37.

(61)

(62)

Yr Submitted.

W. H.
5. 4. 37

~~W. H.~~ 5/4

p.a.

(63) Letter from Hon. Sec. I.S.R. League of ^{20/4/37}

Yr. Submitted. Cpl O'Sullivan was selected by the O.C. Defence Force more particularly as he has been marked for training in the M.C. for infantry instructional work.

MCH
es.
21. 4. 37

w.r.t. their letter the directions recd. were that an officer and a non-commissioned officer should be delegated to represent the Force and opportunity was taken to send an N.C.O. who could with advantage to the Force be put through a special course of training in infantry instructional work

MCH 21/4

(64) Letter to Mr. W. J. McAbooney of 22. 4. 37.

65-68 S. of. Conf. Circ. Note ^{MCH} 25/2/37

Yr. Submitted.

MCH
es.
29. 4. 37. MCH 30/4

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S of S despatch no 48 of 5/4/37

(69-70)

P. A. MCH

Telegram from Mr. Geo. Bonner of 13/5/37
Minute from H.C. the Governor of 14/5/37
Telegram to Mr. Geo. Bonner of 17/5/37
Letter from Hon. Sec. S.R.L. of 24/5/37

(41)
(42)
(43)
(44)

P.A.
18/5/37

Please act. and say that as is customary in military matters the name of the officer and non-comm. officers were put forward by the O.C. Depner Force and approved by the Commander-in-Chief. A selection committee was not required.

MCH
ag. Gov.

Letter to Mr. W. J. McAtasney of 29.5.37

(75)

P.A.
28/5/37

S of S circ. despatch of 20/4/37

(76-77)

Y.E. Submitted.

Arrangements were made in accordance with the information contained in the despatch - although the requisition sent to the staff office for Sullivan was on 6 May was only paid about 3 days before I sailed. Meanwhile I advanced funds to Sullivan which he paid back to me.

Y.E.
2/7/37

Hon. Sec.

Sec.

MCH

2.7.37

P.A. Y.E. 2/7

S of S circ. despatch of 22/5/37

(78)

T.E.
Submitted
Gard
21/7/37

✓
MCH
S. J. J. P.A.
23/7/37

(49) 3rd pr. from S. of S. of 14/11/37.

Note. The envelope addressed to Major M. J. Stewart was withdrawn by that Officer on the 24th of December, 1937.

C.M.
29.12.37.

(80) Letter to Sgt W.W. O'Sullivan of 31.12.37.

MCH.

P.A.
31/12/37.

CIRCULAR

CONFIDENTIAL

Downing Street



30th July, 1936.

Sir,

Red 1
175/36

With reference to my circular despatch of the 12th of June, I have the honour to inform you that an Executive Committee of the Privy Council has been appointed to consider the preparations necessary for His Majesty's Coronation, and that I shall be addressing you on the subject generally as soon as the recommendations made by the Committee have received His Majesty's approval.

2. In the meantime, I am in a position to inform you that it will be His Majesty's wish that, except in very special circumstances, the Governors of Colonial Dependencies shall remain in their territories during the period of the celebrations, in order that they may be available, as the King's Representatives, to preside over such local ceremonies and festivities as may be arranged.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

W. Crossley Gore

The Officer Administering
the Government of

CIRCULAR.
CONFIDENTIAL.



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Downing Street,

24th August, 1936.

Sir,

Recd.

With reference to my confidential circular despatch of the 30th of July, in connexion with His Majesty's Coronation, I have the honour to address you on the subject of the local celebrations which should be arranged to mark the occasion.

2. Owing to the differing conditions in the various parts of the Colonial Empire, it is impossible to suggest any uniform procedure, and it will rest with each individual Dependency to make such arrangements as are considered best suited to the occasion, with regard to local circumstances.

3. It will be His Majesty's wish that Wednesday, the 12th of May, 1937, shall be proclaimed as a public holiday throughout the Colonial Empire unless there are special local reasons which render such a course of action undesirable; and that the arrangements for the celebration of the occasion shall, wherever possible, be such as will permit of the active co-operation and participation of the inhabitants as a whole.

4. I do not doubt that Officers Administering the Governments of Colonial Dependencies will consider the advisability of the early appointment of a committee representative of all sections of the community to arrange the necessary details. As indicated above, I desire to leave it to the discretion of Colonial Administrations to determine precisely what functions should be arranged; but there are certain points which I would suggest should be taken into account when the arrangements are under discussion.

5. For example, should it be decided to erect some public building or memorial in honour of His Majesty's Coronation it would seem clearly appropriate that the foundation stone should be laid on the 12th of May, or, in the event of the memorial

The Officer Administering
the Government of

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Downing Street,

2nd. September, 1936.

Sir,

With reference to my confidential circular despatch of the 30th July, I have the honour to inform you that I have received a number of enquiries from the Officers Administering the Governments of Colonial Dependencies as to whether it is proposed that the volunteer defence forces in the Colonial Empire shall be represented on the occasion of His Majesty's Coronation.

2. The Coronation Joint Committee, which was recently appointed to consider matters of common concern to the Governments of the British Empire, has recommended that a military contingent from the Colonial Empire should be included in the Royal Procession on the return route from Westminster Abbey to Buckingham Palace and that the total contingent from the Colonial Empire as a whole should be on approximately the same scale as that which was present on the occasion of His late Majesty's Coronation in 1911. His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve this recommendation.

3. Owing to the very considerable increase in the number of volunteer defence forces in the Colonial Empire during the last twenty-five years, it will naturally be impossible for detachments of the size invited in 1911 again to be sent by the Colonial Governments which were

The Officer Administering

the Government of FALKLAND ISLANDS.

represented on that occasion. I have felt it desirable that all military forces from the Colonial Empire should be represented on the present occasion and I have accordingly submitted to the Coronation Executive Committee a recommendation that each of the Colonial Dependencies in which volunteer defence forces exist shall be invited to send two representatives for this purpose. I have further recommended that these detachments should consist of one European officer and one European non-commissioned officer, or in the case of native units, one European officer and one native non-commissioned officer.

4. The military character of the contingent which it is contemplated shall be assembled has made it impossible for me to suggest that the invitation shall be extended to include Colonial Police forces. It will of course be understood that their omission implies no lack of appreciation of the invaluable services rendered by such forces. I should mention that such representation was considered impracticable for the same reason in 1911.

5. On the occasion of His late Majesty's Coronation the cost of the passages of the Colonial detachments was met by the Colonial Governments concerned, but during the period of their stay in this country they were the guests of His Majesty's Government, and their quartering and maintenance was arranged by the War Office and defrayed from United Kingdom funds. It is probable that this arrangement will again be adopted. The period of their stay in this country on the present occasion as guests of the nation would of course depend upon the programme of events which is ultimately fixed.

6. I shall be addressing you further on this subject when final decisions in regard to the matter have been reached.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

W. Crossley Gore

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

CONFIDENTIAL.

Downing Street,

September, 1936.

Sir,

With reference to my Confidential Circular despatch of the 30th of July, I have the honour to address you on the subject of the representation of the Colonial Empire at His Majesty's Coronation.

2. It is His Majesty's wish that the gathering at the Coronation ceremony shall be as representative as possible and I have it in command from His Majesty to invite you to nominate a gentleman to represent the general community of the territory under your administration at the Coronation. You will no doubt be at pains to select a representative from persons who have identified themselves with local interests over a considerable period of years and have deserved the good will of their fellow citizens, and I assume that it should be possible for you to make a choice from amongst the unofficial members or ex-members of Councils, members of local public bodies, etc., which should meet with general approval throughout the territory.

3. The representative selected will be treated as a distinguished visitor during the period of the Coronation celebrations and, with his wife if she accompanies

GOVERNOR

H. BENNIKER-LEATON, ESQ., C.M.G.,

etc., etc., etc.,

accompany him, will be given all possible facilities during his stay in this country, including seats for the ceremony in Westminster Abbey. It will not however be possible for such representatives and their wives to be accommodated and entertained at the public expense during their stay in this country, nor can their travelling expenses be defrayed from United Kingdom funds. The period during which they should be entertained in London at the expense of their own territory is therefore a matter for the decision of your Government. If so desired, arrangements for the reservation of rooms for them at London hotels will be made by the Minister in charge of Government Hospitality.

4. I shall be obliged if you will inform me at an early date of the name of the representative who is nominated by you to represent the Falkland Islands Colony and its Dependencies, whether he will be accompanied by his wife, and whether it is desired that hotel accommodation shall be reserved by the Minister in charge of Government Hospitality.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

(Signed) W. CRMSBY GORE.

The Falkland Islands Company, Limited. (1)

(INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1851.)

REGISTERED 1902.

AGENTS FOR LLOYDS.

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" VIA RADIO.

Stanley.

11th November, 19 36.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the Royal Mail Lines have replied to our telegram of November 4th re special abatement for 1st and 3rd Class return passages to England by the same ship, stating that 20% abatement will be granted on 3rd Class passages only. Copy of their telegram is enclosed.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

L. F. Hodgson

for Manager.

The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary

Stanley.

LH/JT enc

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Copy of telegram received from Royal Mail Lines
Buenos Aires dated 10th November, 1936.

Referring to your telegram of 4th
cannot grant any abatement saloon
but allow 20% 3rd Class.

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AGENTS FOR LLOYDS.

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" RADIO.

Stanley

11th November, 19 36.

Dear Major Stewart,

I enclose list of fares to United Kingdom and return per "A" and "Highland" boats together with our rates to Montevideo. I think Capt. Roberts must have quoted you £83 for "Out and Return by same Highland boat", but this figure is for Tourists from London; there is nothing to show that the same amount applies from Montevideo to London. However I have shown it on the list, and in the meantime will write to Buenos Aires for confirmation.

Yours sincerely,

L. F. Hodgson

Rates of Fares to United Kingdom

s.s. "Lafonia" - Montevideo and Return

1st Class	£25 less 50%	£ 12. 10. -.
3rd Class	£20 " "	10. -. -. .

From Montevideo to England Tourist return for 3 months

1st Class "A" Boats	£ 128 and £ 102.
" " Highland Boats	£ 96.

Special Abatement allowed on 3rd Class passage Home and back

by same ship. "A" or "Highland" boat £36 less 20% £28. 16. -.

Tourist Return Out and Home from London to Montevideo by

same "Highland" boat £83. -. -. .

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TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary,.....

To Crown Agents for the Colonies.

Despatched: 12th November, 19 36. *Time*: ...

Received: 19 ... *Time*: ...

Following for George Bonner c/o Slaughter Dillies,
Cirencester, from Governor begins:-

Confidential. Shall be glad if you will represent
Falkland Islands at Coronation Celebrations in London.
Please telegraph reply. Ends.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 13th November, 19 36 . Time: 2030.

Received: 13th November, 19 36. Time: 2130.

No. 112. Confidential. Coronation Please telegraph
reply. to my despatch 7th September Confidential if
reservation Hotel accommodation by Minister in charge of
Government Hospitality desired please state date from
which reservation is required and for how long.

Reds

Secretary of State.

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TELEGRAM.

From Crown Agents for the Colonies,

To Colonial Secretary.

Despatched: 17th November, 19 36. Time: 1841.

Received: 17th November, 19 36. Time: 2100.

Radio

Your telegram 12th November Bonner reply is in the affirmative full text reply follows by next mail.

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TELEGRAM.

From Crown Agents for the Colonies,

To Colonial Secretary.

Despatched: 17th November, 19 36. Time: 1841.

Received: 17th November, 19 36. Time: 2100.

Your telegram 14th November Alcantara Montevideo April 10th
return Highland Brigade May 22nd due June 10th £112 or
Highland Brigade April 16th return as above £96.

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor,

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched: 18th November, 19 36. *Time:* ...

Received: 19 ... *Time:* ...

No. 78. Your telegram No. 412. Confidential. I have appointed George Bommer to represent Colony request you ascertain from him whether hotel accommodation is required for himself and wife address of person named with Crown Agents.

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TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 26th November, 19 36. *Time* : 0001.

Received : 26th November, 19 36. *Time* : 1100.

No. 115. Your telegram No. 78 before communicating with person named shall be glad to be informed by telegraph for what period maintenance, etc., of person named and wife will be defrayed by Colony. Matter is of course one for local decision but in cases where I have been asked for advice I have suggested a fortnight.

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SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor,

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched : 26th November, 19 36. Time : ...

Received : 19 ... Time : ...

Red 15

No. 82. Your telegram No. 415 I am of the opinion that person named would prefer to defray all his own ordinary expenses any extraordinary expenditure being left for direct settlement between him and the Government. Grateful if you will proceed on that basis.

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TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 1st December, 19 36. Time : 2346.

Received : 2nd December, 19 36. Time : 1100.

Recd 3

No. 119. Circular. Confidential. Coronation. Military representation. Procedure referred to in first part paragraph 5 my despatch 2nd September Circular Confidential will again be adopted. It is desired all officers and non commissioned officers selected to form Colonial Military contingent should arrive in England on or immediately before May 6th and return by steamer sailing from England within 3 weeks of date of their arrival.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS
TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE
CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES,
THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE AND THE
DATE OF THIS LETTER BEING QUOTED.



4, MILLBANK,
LONDON, S.W.1.

19th November, 1936.

O. Misc. 825/1
TELEGRAMS: "CROWN, LONDON."
TELEPHONE: VICTORIA 7730.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your telegram
dated 12th November, reading:-

Red 10

"Following for George Bonner c/o Slaughter Dillies
Cirencester from Governor begins Confidential.
Shall be glad if you will represent Falkland Islands
at Coronation Celebrations in London. Please
telegraph reply ends."

16.11.36 2. The contents were transmitted to Mr. Bonner, a copy of
whose reply is enclosed for your information.

3. We concluded that you would not wish us to incur the
expense of cabling the text of his reply in full, and accordingly
telegraphed to you as follows on the 17th November:-

Red 12

"Your telegram 12th November Bonner reply is in the
affirmative full text of reply follows by next mail"

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R. L. ...
for Crown Agents.

The Colonial Secretary,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Handwritten mark

COPY OF LETTER FROM GEO. BONNER TO THE CROWN AGENTS

c/o T.G.Slaughter Esq.,
The Dillies,
Cirencester, Gos.

16th November, 1936.

Gentlemen,

With reference to your letter O/Misc 823/1 dated 13th November, I beg to request that you will be so good as to transmit the following telegram to His Excellency the Governor of the Falkland Islands.

"Governor, Falkland Islands.

With reference to your telegram of the 12th November, I shall be honoured to have the privilege of representing the Falkland Islands at the Coronation Celebrations and I deeply appreciate your Excellency's consideration in suggesting my name to represent the Colony on this Memorable Occasion."

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) Geo. Bonner.

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C/18/36.

5th January,

37.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to request that you will be good enough to book a first class return passage to the United Kingdom for Major the Honourable M. J. Stewart. Major Stewart will leave Stanley on the 5th of April next connecting at Monte Video with the m.v. "Highland Brigade".

2. I am also to request that you will book an intermediate class return passage by the same sailing for Drum Major D. O'Sullivan.

3. I am to explain that these officers are travelling to the United Kingdom for the purpose of representing the Falkland Islands Defence Force at the Coronation of His Majesty King George VI.

4. In this connection I am to draw your attention to the concession granted for a voyage out and return by the same vessel and to the reduced rate offered on the s.s. "Lafonia".

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

MEH

Colonial Secretary.

C/18/36.

6th January,

37.

Sir,

With reference to the recommendation submitted by you to the effect that Drum Major D. J. O'Sullivan should be sent to England for the purpose of representing the Falkland Islands Defence Force at the Coronation of His Majesty King George VI, I have the honour to inform you that the Governor has approved your recommendation, and arrangements should now be made for Drum Major O'Sullivan to proceed to England.

2. In this connection I have to state that an intermediate class return passage has been booked for Drum Major O'Sullivan by the sailing of the 5th of April next which connects at Monte Video with the m.v. "Highland Brigade".

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

M. George Hardie

Colonial Secretary.

The Officer Commanding
Falkland Islands Defence Force,
STANLEY.

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C/o The Falkland Islands Co^{ys}
61 Goucehurst St.
London E.C. 3

19th Nov. 1936.

My dear Governor,

On the 16th inst I received
a letter from the Crown Agents for the Colonies,
with the following Cable from yourself -

"Following from Governor. Confidential -
I shall be glad if you will represent Falkland
Islands at Coronation Celebrations in London.

Please telegraph reply"

Implicated immediately - accept of which I re-
close to you. I cannot tell you how deeply
I feel the honour which you are bestowing on
me to represent the Colony, which I love so much,
on this most memorable occasion

I have tried in the past to do what I
considered would benefit the Colony and
those who live there, and I will continue to do
so to the utmost of my capacity and
opportunities -

It is my home and my children's

home, and my great regret is, that I
am not now living permanently in
the Islands -

I am, Sir
Your obedient Servant,
Geo. Bonnet

His Excellency
H. Henniker-Heaton C.M.G.
Government House
Stanley.

c/18/36.

8th January,

37.

Sir,

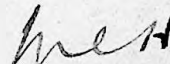
I am directed to inform you that His Excellency has learnt with much pleasure of your consent to represent this Colony at the forthcoming Coronation of His Majesty King George the VIth.

2. The practice in the case of the majority of the representatives of Colonies is for the Governments to accept hotel charges for themselves and their wives in London for a fortnight during the Celebrations. His Excellency requested the Secretary of State that you should be approached on the basis of the Colony paying the whole of the expenditure to which you would be especially put in excess of your ordinary expenditure while resident in England. It is trusted that this will meet with your concurrence. I am to state that detailed vouchers will not be required, a certificate from you in respect of a sum not exceeding £50 being sufficient.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Colonial Secretary.

George Bonner, Esq., O.B.E.,
c/o The Falkland Islands Co.Ltd.,
61, Gracechurch Street,
LONDON. E.C.3.

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The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

(INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1851.)

REGISTERED 1902.

AGENTS FOR LLOYDS.

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" RADIO.

Stanley.

8th January, 1937.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.c/18/36 dated 5th inst. we are cabling Royal Mail Lines Ltd to reserve per "Highland Brigade" leaving Montevideo 16th April next 1st Class accommodation for Major The Hon.M.J.Stewart
Int: " " " Drum Major D.O'Sullivan
and note that they will return by the same vessel which is due to leave London on 22nd May.

The Royal Mail fares for these short period tickets are:-

1st Class £83 return

Int: " £42. 10. -. "

You will appreciate that in view of the reduction in fares such tickets are only available for return by the vessel and sailing specified and the Royal Mail Lines will not vary this in any way.

As these Officers are travelling to England to represent the Falkland Islands Defence Force at the Coronation of His Majesty George VI, ~~KHAY~~ this Company is pleased to offer a reduction of 50% in the Port Stanley to Montevideo ordinary fare and will therefore charge

£12. 10. -. Cabin Return

£10. -. -. Intermediate Return

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. Manning

Manager.

The Honourable
The Colonial Secretary
Stanley

C/18/36.

11th January,

37.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge and to thank you for your letter dated the 8th instant on the subject of passages for Major the Honourable M. J. Stewart and Drum Major O'Sullivan by the "Highland Brigade" leaving Montevideo on the 16th April next.

2. It is noted that the Royal Mail fares for short period tickets are for 1st Class £83 return and for Int. Class £42. 10. 0 return.

3. I am to specially thank you for the assistance offered by your Company by a reduction of 50% in the Fort Stanley to Montevideo ordinary fare in respect of the passages of the above mentioned officers travelling to the United Kingdom to represent the Falkland Islands Defence Force at the Coronation of His Majesty King George VI.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

M.H.

Colonial Secretary.

The Manager,
Falkland Islands Company, Ltd.,
STANLEY.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 16th January, 19 57. *Time*: 1130.

Received: 17th January, 19 57. *Time*: 1100.

Circular. No. 9. Confidential. Coronation my despatch
of 7th September Confidential. You can now announce name of
person selected to represent general community at Coronation
Ceremony.

You can also announce arrangement proposed for military
representation of territory in Colonial Empire contingent
which will take part in procession.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

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No. 15.

GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

18th January, 1937.

His Excellency the Governor directs it to be notified, for general information, that -

GEORGE BONNER, Esq., O.B.E., J.P.,

has been selected to represent the Colony of the Falkland Islands and its Dependencies at the forthcoming Coronation of His Majesty King George the VI, and that -

MAJOR THE HONOURABLE M. J. STEWART, OFFICER
COMMANDING THE FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE,
AND

NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER D. W. O'SULLIVAN

have been selected to represent the Falkland Islands Defence Force in the Military Contingent from the Colonial Empire, which will be included in the Royal Procession on the occasion of the Coronation.

By Command,

WCH

Colonial Secretary.

28 November, 1936.

4137/4A/1/36.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Crosby Gore to inform you that he has been notified by the Governor of the Falkland Islands that you have been asked to represent the general community of the Colony at the Coronation of His Majesty the King next May.

2. The Colonial representatives selected for this purpose will be treated as distinguished visitors during the period of the celebrations and, with their wives if they desire to bring them, will be afforded all possible facilities, including seats for the ceremony in Westminster Abbey. It will not be possible for them to be accommodated and entertained at the expense of the United Kingdom Exchequer during this period, nor can their travelling expenses be defrayed from United Kingdom funds. It is however understood that the Government of the Falkland Islands would be prepared to meet any extraordinary expenditure incurred by you in connection with your attendance.

3.

3. If you so desire, the Minister in charge of Government Hospitality will be asked to reserve accommodation for you at one of the hotels in London during the celebrations, but in this event I am to request you to inform this Office by return of post, stating the date from which reservation is desired and for what period.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signature)

Stratton House Hotel,
Cirencester,
Gloucestershire.

Yr. ref. 4137/4A/1/36.

30th November, 1936.

Sir,

I have to thank you for your letter of the 28th inst. stating that the Governor of the Falkland Islands has asked me to represent the general community of the Colony at the Coronation of His Majesty the King next May.

2. I feel very much honoured to represent the Colony on this most Memorable Occasion and I shall have my wife with me. I note that we shall be afforded all possible facilities, including seats for the Ceremony in Westminster Abbey, and also that the Government of the Falkland Islands would be prepared to meet any extraordinary expenditure incurred by me in connection with my attendance.

3. I shall be obliged if the Minister in charge of Government Hospitality will reserve accommodation for myself and wife at one of the Hotels in London during the Celebrations, and shall require this accommodation from the 10th of May to the end of that month.

I am, etc.

(Sgd.) Geo. Bonner.

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

December, 1936.

4137/4A/1/36.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Ormsby Gore to refer to your letter of the 30th November, regarding your selection as the representative of the general community of the Falkland Islands at the Coronation, which, as you will have observed from the announcement in the Press, will be held on the 12th May 1937 as previously arranged, notwithstanding recent events.

2. The Minister in charge of Government Hospitality has been asked to reserve hotel accommodation for yourself and your wife, if possible at the Langham Hotel, for the period from the 10th May 1937 to the end of that month.

3. As you will, no doubt, appreciate the proposals for the representation of Colonial dependencies at the Coronation ceremony which were approved by His Majesty King Edward the Eighth will have to be re-submitted to

His

GEORGE BONNER, ESQ.

His Majesty the King: and a further communication will be addressed to you in due course as soon as His Majesty's wishes are known.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) F. J. HOWARD,

From His Excellency the Governor
to The Honourable the Colonial Secretary.

It is as well that a notice should be published in the *Penguin* as a communique stating that ~~the~~ I have appointed Mr. George Bowers O.B.E. to represent the Colony at His Majesty's Coronation and that on the 12th of May and at the attendant celebrations in London. Adding that His Majesty's Government has decided that in lieu of contingents from all the Defence Forces of the Colonies being sent to the United Kingdom, those Defence Forces are to be represented by one Officer and one non-commissioned Officer ^{from each force} and that His Majesty's Stewart, Officer Commanding (who is proceeding partly at his own expense) and Corporal D O'Sullivan will have been detailed to represent the F.I.D.F.

Handwritten signature 29/1/37

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TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,
To His Excellency the Governor

Despatched : 17th February, 19 37. *Time* : 2100.

Received : 18th February, 19 37. *Time* : 1100.

No. 19. Confidential. My despatch 2nd September Circular
please telegraph rank and name of officer and Non Commissioned
Officer selected for Coronation Contingent.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

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28 January, 1937.

4157/11/37.

Sir,

With reference to the letter from this Department of the 15th December and previous correspondence regarding your attendance at the Coronation of His Majesty as the representative of the general community of the Falkland Islands, I am directed by Mr Secretary Crusby Gore to inform you that a double bedroom and a private bathroom at the Langham Hotel have now been reserved for you and Mrs Bommer by the Minister in charge of Government Hospitality for the period from the 10th to the 12th May. The charge for this accommodation will be at the rate of 48s. 6d. per day (rooms only).

2. I am further to inform you that the dress prescribed for persons invited to attend the ceremony in Westminster Abbey is as follows

- Gentlemen - Full dress uniform or full Court dress.
- Ladies - Full Court dress as for a Court, but without trains.

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GEORGE BOMMER, Esq.

Should you experience any difficulty in complying with this requirement I am to suggest that you should communicate at any early date with the Ceremonial and Reception Secretary at this office.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Richard F. HOWARD

CIRCULAR



Downing Street,

16th January, 1937.

Sir,

I have the honour to address you on the subject of the military contingent from the Colonial Empire which is to attend His Majesty's Coronation.

2. As you have already been notified, the contingent will consist of officers and non-commissioned officers from the permanent and the volunteer defence forces in the Colonial Empire. I have approved a proposal that during the time it is in this country, it shall be placed under the general supervision of Major-General G. J. Giffard, D.S.O., Inspector-General, Royal West African Frontier Force and King's African Rifles, and under the command of Colonel C. C. Fowkes, M.C., King's African Rifles. Arrangements for the quartering of the contingent are being made by the Army Council and the Council is anxious that, wherever possible, the officers and non-commissioned officers should arrive in England on or immediately before the 6th of May. It is understood that the officers and non-commissioned officers will be quartered at Pirbright from the date of their arrival until the 10th of May, when the contingent will be brought to London and quartered in Wellington Barracks until the end of the Coronation week, after which it will return to Pirbright.

The Officer Administering
the Government of

3. As on the occasion of the 1911 Coronation, the cost of the passages of the officers and non-commissioned officers will have to be met by the Colonial Governments concerned, but it has been agreed with the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury that during the time it is in this country, for a period not exceeding three weeks, the expenses of the quartering, maintenance, travelling and entertainment of the contingent shall be defrayed by His Majesty's Government.

4. It is therefore important that arrangements should be made by the Colonial Governments concerned for the officers and non-commissioned officers who are selected to form the contingent to arrive in this country on or about the date mentioned above and to leave within three weeks of the date of arrival.

5. I have to request you to furnish as early as possible particulars of the officers and non-commissioned officers who are selected (unit, rank, name etc.), and to state the dates on which they will arrive in England and on which it is proposed that they should embark on return. The names of the vessels by which they will travel to and from this country and the ports of embarkation and disembarkation should also be stated.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

W. Arundel Gore

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CIRCULAR TELEGRAM from the Secretary of State for the Colonies
 (1)
 to the Officers Administering the Governments of the Bahamas,
 (2) (3) (4) (5) (6)
 Barbados, Bermuda, British Guiana, Jamaica, Windward Islands,
 (7) (8) (9) (10) (11)
 Leeward Islands, Trinidad, British Honduras, Nigeria, Gold
 (12) (13) (14) (15) (16)
 Coast, Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika, Northern Rhodesia, Nyasaland,
 (17) (18) (19) (20)
 Mauritius, Hong Kong, Straits Settlements, Federated Malay
 (21) (22) (23) (24) (25) (26)
 States, Fiji, Cyprus, Malta, Ceylon, Sierra Leone, Gambia,
 (27) (28) (29) (30) (31)
 Seychelles, Gibraltar, St. Helena, Zanzibar, Palestine and
 (32)
 Aden.

(Sent 8.0 p.m., 8th January, 1937.)

Confidential.

(1)	No. 3.	(11)	No. 6.	(21)	No. 7.
(2)	No. 2.	(12)	No. 4.	(22)	No. 3.
(3)	No. 1.	(13)	No. 1.	(23)	No. 5.
(4)	No. 4.	(14)	No. 3.	(24)	No. 6.
(5)	No. 6.	(15)	No. 8.	(25)	No. 3.
(6)	No. 2.	(16)	No. 3.	(26)	No. 2.
(7)	No. 6.	(17)	No. 2.	(27)	No. 3.
(8)	No. 8.	(18)	No. 9.	(28)	No. 3.
(9)	No. 5.	(19)	No. 3.	(29)	No. 1.
(10)	No. 10.	(20)	No. 2.	(30)	No. 4.
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				(32)	No. 3.

Coronation.

- To 1-24) My Confidential Circular despatch of 1st September.
- To 25-30) My Confidential despatch of 7th September.
- To 31) My Confidential despatch of 9th September.
- To 32) My Confidential despatch of 30th September.

To all) Gentlemen invited to attend the ceremony in Westminster Abbey will be required to wear full dress uniform or full court dress. Ladies to wear full court dress as for a Court but without trains. No one may attend in mourning. Oriental dress may be worn by ladies and gentlemen for whom it is the usual ceremonial costume.

If there is difficulty in any cases about gentlemen's dress, it is hoped that we might be able to help here, if notified early, by arrangement with outfitters for hiring.



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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

CONFIDENTIAL.

DOWNING STREET,

14 January, 1937.

Sir,

With reference to my confidential despatch of the 7th of September, in connexion with the nomination of persons to represent the general communities of Colonial dependencies at His Majesty's Coronation, I have the honour to enclose for your information the accompany copy of a circular telegram which has been addressed to the Officers Administering the Governments of Colonial dependencies regarding the dress which should be worn by persons invited to be present at the ceremony in Westminster Abbey.

2. The information contained in this telegram has been conveyed to Mr. Bonner.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

(Signed) W. ORMSBY GORE.

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H. HENRIKER-HEATON, ESQ., C.M.G.,

etc., etc., etc.

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CONFIDENTIAL.

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The Under Secretary of State for the Colonies presents his compliments to the Colonial Secretary, Falkland Islands, and, with reference to the Secretary of State's despatch, No. 177 of the 21st December, in connection with the celebration of His Majesty's Coronation, is directed to state that the following accommodation has been reserved by the Minister in charge of Government Hospitality for Mr and Mrs George Bonner. Hotel Langham Hotel, Portland Place, W. 1. Period. 10th to the 31st May, 1937. Particulars of room or rooms reserved 1 double bed-room and private bathroom. Price of room £2. 2. 6 per day (room only).

Colonial Office,

Downing Street, S.W. 1.

19 January, 1937.

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor,

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched: 19th February, 19 37. Time: ...

Received: 19 .. Time: ...

No..14. Confidential Your telegram No. 19 following officer and non commissioned officer selected for Coronation contingent Major M. J. Stewart and Corporal D. W. O'Sullivan.
GOVERNOR.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

20th February, 1937.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 34.

Sir,

With reference to your Circular despatch of the 16th of January, 1937, I have the honour to inform you that Major M. J. Stewart, Officer Commanding the Falkland Islands Defence Force, and Non-Commissioned Officer Cpl. D. W. O'Sullivan, have been detailed to represent the Falkland Islands Defence Force in the Military Contingent from the Colonial Empire which will be included in the Royal Procession on the occasion of His Majesty's Coronation.

2. Major Stewart and Cpl. O'Sullivan will sail from Stanley on the 5th of April, and are due to arrive in the United Kingdom on the 6th of May, 1937. They will travel by the R.M.S. "Highland Brigade" and disembark at Tilbury. Major Stewart will return to Stanley by the same vessel embarking at Tilbury on the 22nd of May.

3. It is intended that Cpl. O'Sullivan should undergo a course of instruction in the United Kingdom after the Coronation Celebrations and in this connection I have to refer to paragraph 3 of Sir Henniker-Heaton's despatch, No. 24 of the 2nd of February, 1937.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient
humble servant,

(Sgd.) M. C. Craigie-Halkett

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
W. G. ORMSBY GORE, P.C., M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

CONFIDENTIAL.

7th January, 1937.

Dear Henuiker Heaton

We are beginning to consider the rather complicated question of the persons to be invited to the Coronation Ceremony in Westminster Abbey on May 12th, and we are hoping that a certain number of seats, we do not yet know how many, will be available for serving members of the Colonial Service. The suggestion is that such seats as are available should be offered only to officers who would in any case be on leave at the time of the Coronation; we particularly do not wish officers to take leave and come to this country specially for the purpose of attending the Ceremony.

We feel that it would be desirable for the group of officers which may ultimately be invited to the Ceremony to be as widely representative as possible, and for someone to attend from the services of as many Territories as possible. I am therefore writing to ask you to suggest the name of one officer of sufficient standing

H. HENNIKER-HEATON, ESQ., C.M.G.

standing from the Falkland Islands who will in any case be on leave in this country on May 12th and who could be invited to the Coronation Ceremony. The ultimate selection of officers to be invited will have to be made by the Secretary of State, and we cannot, as you will realise, be sure at this stage that we shall be able to fit in the officer whose name you suggest. We should be glad if you would make this clear in any consultations which you may have before making your suggestion. You will appreciate also that the pressure of demand from this country and the Dominions for seats in the Abbey is tremendous. Persons of considerable importance and distinction will necessarily have to be left out. We are particularly anxious that the Colonial Empire should be well represented, but if there is no officer who will be in this country on May 12th and whom you think of sufficient standing to be invited to the Ceremony, then it would be better for you to suggest no name.

We

We hope that in cases where married officials are invited it will be possible to arrange for their wives also to be given seats in the Abbey. Wives of officers in the Colonial Service would not be invited if their husbands could not come. In suggesting the name of an officer who could suitably be invited, you will no doubt say whether he would wish his wife also to be asked, if that should prove possible.

It is important that we should receive your recommendation as soon as possible as we have to put our list of names in as early as we can in February, so would you kindly let me have an answer by telegraph.

Sincerely
 G. J. Davidson

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor,

To Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Despatched: 12th March, 19 37 . Time : ...

Received : 19 ... Time ...

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No. 21. Following message for Tomlinson begins. Your letter of January 7th I request earnestly that seats be offered to Mr. George Roberts, Director of Public Works, Member of Executive Council and his wife address in England 111, Station Road, Rainham, Kent, Henniker Heaton message ends.

GOVERNOR.

THE CORONATION

DRESS REGULATIONS FOR COMMONERS

The following dress regulations for others than peers or peeresses for the Coronation of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth in Westminster Abbey on May 12 have been issued by the Earl Marshal:-

GENTLEMEN. - Full dress uniform or full velvet Court dress. Knights Grand Cross and Knights Grand Commanders of the various Orders will wear the mantles of their Orders (Collar Day). All official robes should be worn over uniform or full Court velvet dress.

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LADIES. - Full Court dress as for a Court, but without trains. ~~Feathers must be worn, but without veils.~~ *Feathers and veils must be worn.*

Dames Grand Cross will wear the mantles of their Orders.

Oriental dress may be worn by ladies and gentlemen for whom it is the usual ceremonial costume. Orders and decorations are to be worn in full, except with velvet Court dress, with which miniatures will be worn. No one may attend in mourning.

Members of the House of Commons may obtain particulars of alternative dress from the Speaker's secretary. Representatives of trade unions and friendly societies may apply for information as to their dress to the Earl Marshal's Office.

3rd February, 1937.

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CIRCULAR (2)

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Downing Street,

5th February, 1937.

Sir,

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With reference to my circular despatch of the 16th of January, on the subject of the military contingent from the Colonial Empire which is to attend His Majesty's Coronation, I have the honour to transmit to you copies of a memorandum dealing with certain matters in regard to which enquiries have been received from Colonial Governments.

MMH

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

W. Arundell Gove

The Officer Administering
the Government of

COLONIAL CORONATION CONTINGENT

STAFF OFFICER, COLONIAL CORONATION CONTINGENT.

Captain W. M. Harrington, O.B.E., M.C., M.M., Royal West African Frontier Force, will act as Staff Officer, and from 22nd March will be on duty at the Colonial Office.

DRESS:- The contingents should be prepared to parade in the Review Order of their units, or corps. They should bring their own arms and equipment and their own cleaning material.

Great coats (or capes, if worn in lieu of great coats) should be brought. It will also be advisable to bring uniform for drill and walking-out purpose.

DISCIPLINE:- The Officer Commanding the Colonial Contingent will be the "Commanding Officer" for all purposes of administration and discipline. The officer placed in charge of the contingent from each Colony or Dependency will be responsible to the Commanding Officer for the discipline and well-being of his contingent.

MEDICAL:- Arrangements will be made in this country for the medical care of the Contingent.

PAY:- It is suggested that arrangements for the issue of advances of pay should be made by the Staff Officer of the Colonial Contingent with the Crown Agents for the Colonies. Officers in charge of the detachments of the Contingent to submit their cash requirements to the Staff Officer, who will arrange for the cash to be drawn through the Crown Agents and debited to the funds of the Colony or territory concerned.

NOMINAL ROLL, etc.:- A nominal roll shewing the Regimental Number (where applicable), rank and name of each person in the contingent should be forwarded at once to the "Staff Officer, Colonial Coronation Contingent, Colonial Office, Downing Street, London, S.W.1."

This roll should also shew the maximum amount of any advances of pay which may be issued while in this country to each person on behalf of the Colony or territory concerned.

Any note in relation to feeding arrangements or any other matter which it may be desired to bring to the notice of the Staff Officer, Colonial Coronation Contingent, should be attached to the nominal roll.

Colonial Office,

1st February, 1937.

No. C/18/36.

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

MINUTE.

16th March, 19 37.

From

To Major the Honourable M. J. Stewart

The Colonial Secretary,

Officer Commanding, F.I.D.F.,

STANLEY.

STANLEY.

I am directed to enclose herewith, for your information, and guidance, a copy of a Memorandum which has been received from the Secretary of State dealing with certain matters in regard to the Colonial Coronation Contingent.

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Colonial Secretary.

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TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 23rd March, 19 37. *Time:* 2350.

Received: 24th March, 19 37. *Time:* 1130.

No. 35. Circular. Coronation. Military Contingent. All non commissioned officers will be accommodated at Wellington Barracks for the whole period of stay in this country. Previous notifications regarding contingent proceeding to Pirbright is cancelled. Accommodation in London for officers up to May 15th will be arranged by War Office but location not yet settled. War Office asks for information regarding Officers accommodation required after May 15th. Please telegraph whether officer who is being sent would prefer to arrange own accommodation after that date provided not required for duty.

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TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor,

To Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Despatched: 25th March, 19 37. Time:

Received: 19 ... Time: ...

Red 60.

No. 31. Your telegram No. 35 Officer who is being sent will arrange for his own accommodation after the 15th of May.

GOVERNOR.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 2nd April, 19 37. *Time*: 2136.

Received: 3rd April, 19 37. *Time*: 1100.

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No. 39. Following from Tomlinson begins. Your telegram No. 21 Coronation. Much regret it will not be possible to find seats in Abbey for Roberts in view of the great demand. 2 seats on stand being allotted to him. Ends.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

Stanley

20th April '37

Sir,

recently a member of the F. I. Defence Force was sent home to represent the Colony at His Majesty's Coronation by the same boat as two members of the Bisley Team.

One of the Bisley Team is an ex-soldier & served his late Majesty King George V during the Great War.

The members of the F. I. Reform League at a recent meeting, considered it a very unnecessary expense to send any person specially to represent the Colony at the Coronation, when others were going to Bisley, & at least one of them having served our late King, could be trusted to uphold the Colony's prestige at his noble Son's Coronation.

I have the honour to be
Sir

Your obedient servant
W. J. M^c Atorney
Hon. Secretary

The Hon.
Colonial Secretary
Stanley

0/18/36.

22nd April,,

37.

Red 63

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated the 20th of April, 1937, I am directed by the Governor to inform you that the directions received were that an officer and a non-commissioned officer should be delegated to represent the Defence Force in the Military Contingent from the Colonial Empire on the occasion of the Coronation of His Majesty King George the VI.

2. I am to add that opportunity was taken to send a non-commissioned officer who could with advantage to the Force be put through a special course of training in infantry instructional work.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

McH

Colonial Secretary.

Mr. W. J. McAtasney,
Hon. Secretary,
Falkland Islands Reform League,
STANLEY.

Copy.

M. 276/37.

ADMIRALTY, S.W. 1.

17th February, 1937.

Sir,

I am commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to transmit herewith, copy of a letter dated the 17th February, which has been addressed to Naval Commanders-in-Chief, abroad, concerning the arrangements to be made for the celebration of Coronation Day on board H.M. Ships.

I am to add that His Majesty has approved these orders.

I am, etc.,

(Sgd.) S.H. PHILLIPS.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,

COLONIAL OFFICE,

S.W. 1.

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Copy.

Any further communication should be addressed to -
The Secretary of the Admiralty,
London, S.W.1.

ADMIRALTY, S.W.1.,

17th February, 1937.

quoting - M.276/37.

- Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station.
- do. East Indies Station.
- do. China Station.
- do. Africa Station.
- do. America and West Indies.

- Copy to -
- Commodore, New Zealand.
 - Navy Board, Melbourne.
 - Chief of Naval Staff, Ottawa.
 - Rear Admiral, Gibraltar.
 - Vice Admiral, Malta.
 - Senior Naval Officer, Persian Gulf.
 - Commodore, Singapore.
 - Rear Admiral, Yangtse.
 - Commodore, South America.
 - Captain-in-Charge, Bermuda.
 - Captain-in-Charge, Simonstown.
 - Commodore, Hong Kong.
 - Captain-in-Charge, Ceylon.

I am to acquaint you that on the 12th May next, the day appointed for His Majesty's Coronation, H.M. Ships on the Station under your Command which are not engaged on Special Service, are to assemble at such of the principal British Ports on the Station as you think most important.

2. All ships on the Station are to be dressed between 8.0 a.m. and sunset, and are as far as is possible to be illuminated after dark.

3. The morning of Coronation Day (12th May) is to be kept as a Sunday, Divine Service being held and special prayer being offered up for the King's Majesty.:

4. At noon, local time, all ships are to fire a Royal Salute and you are to arrange with the Military or Air Force Authorities as necessary so that the salute may be fired in

conjunction

conjunction with that fired from the Batteries.

5. When H.M. Ships are present at a place where there is a British Garrison, a joint review of all the available Naval, Military and Air Forces will be held. Here again you will act in conjunction with the Military, Air Force and Civil Authorities.

6. It is understood that after the ceremonies which are customary in the Navy on a King's Birthday, the highest Authority representing His Majesty will hold a full dress reception in the evening, which the principal members of the Naval Forces and Naval Departments would attend.

7. Extra grog or the authorised equivalent is to be served out to each Ship's Company.

8. The afternoon of the 13th May (the day following Coronation Day) is to be kept as an extra holiday on board H.M. Ships.

BY COMMAND OF THEIR LORDSHIPS.

S.H. PHILLIPS.

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Copy.

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STRATTON HOUSE HOTEL,
CIRENCESTER, GLOS.

26th March, 1937.

Yr. Ref.

4137/12.C./1/37.

Dear Mr. Hibbert,

I have to thank you for your letter of the 24 inst. and I have arranged with the Langham Hotel for a Daimler Car, with a footman, to convey my wife and self to and from the Abbey on Coronation day.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) GEO. BONNER.

J. G. HIBBERT, ESQ.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

RECEIVED.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
26	LONDON P.O.	18	11.39	13.5.37

To LC GOVERNOR

FALKLAND ISLANDS

WONDERFUL CORONATION EXCELLENT SEATS SPECTACLE BEYOND IMAGINATION OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU ALL CONSTANTLY.

BONNER.

Time

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				17. 5. 57.

To L.C.O.
GEORGE BONNER
LANGHAM HOTEL
LONDON.

THANKS YOUR WELCOME TELEGRAM ARE PROUD OF OUR DELEGATE.
GOVERNOR.

Time

Stanley
24th May 1937

Sir

I am instructed by the members of the F. I. Reform League to acknowledge your letter. N^o C/18/36 of 22nd April 1937. & to ask if you would kindly inform them as to whether a selection committee was appointed, or who selected the officers & now-commissioned officer sent to represent the Colony on the occasion of the Coronation of His Majesty King George VI.

I have the honour to be
Sir

Your obedient servant
W. J. M^r: Attorney
for Secy

The Hon
Colonial Secretary
Stanley

C/18/36.

29th May,

37.

Sir,

Red 74

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th of May, 1937, on the subject of the colony's Military representation at His Majesty's Coronation, and to inform you that as is customary in military matters the names of the Officer and non-Commissioned Officer were put forward by the Officer Commanding the Defence Force and approved by the Commander-in-Chief. A Selection Committee was not required.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



for Colonial Secretary.

I paid after my return to the Colony on 26 June.

Mr. W. J. McAtasney,
Honorary Secretary,
Falkland Islands Reform League,
STANLEY.

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CIRCULAR

Downing Street,

22nd May, 1937

Sir,

With reference to my circular despatch of the 16th of January in connection with the Colonial Coronation military contingent, I have the honour to inform you that I have approved a proposal that any officer or non-commissioned officer of the contingent who either joined the contingent for duty during a period of official leave which is being spent by him in this country, or is remaining on official leave on the expiry of his term of duty with the contingent, shall be granted an extension of leave to correspond with the number of days duty performed by him with the contingent.

Recd H1

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

W. Arundel Gove

The Officer Administering
the Government of

(1/11)

CIRCULAR

24 JUN 1937
GOVERNMENT OF THE WEST INDIES

Downing Street,

20th April, 1937.

Sir,

Recd 58

With reference to my circular (2) despatch of the 5th February, in connection with various matters concerning the military contingent from the Colonial Empire which is attending His Majesty's Coronation, I have the honour to inform you that I have approved the arrangements set out in the accompanying memorandum with regard to the issue of pay to personnel of the contingent during the time it is in this country.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

W. Cornsby Gore

The Officer Administering
the Government of

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Enclosure in circular despatch dated 20th April, 1937

COLONIAL CORONATION CONTINGENT

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ISSUE OF PAY TO PERSONNEL
OF THE CONTINGENT WHILE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

In the cases of officers and British non-commissioned officers who are already on leave or who will remain on leave after completion of duty with the contingent, the Crown Agents for the Colonies will issue emoluments in the normal way for such personnel on leave. Officers and British non-commissioned officers who are not on leave and who will be returning to their Colonies or territories with their detachments will be issued with advances of pay, if required, in accordance with any instructions which may have been sent to the Crown Agents for the Colonies by the Colonial Government concerned. Where no such instructions have been received, it is presumed that the Governments concerned will have no objection to the issue of an advance of pay not exceeding a maximum of one month's salary, if holding an official position. In the event of an application for financial assistance by a member of a volunteer defence force who holds no official position and for whom no authority has been forwarded to the Crown Agents for the Colonies for the payment of any allowances while on duty with the contingent, no payment will be made without reference to the Colonial Government concerned.

2. In order to avoid detailed accounting, any sums issued to non-European non-commissioned officers will be regarded as advances of pay and not as issues of pay. For this purpose the officer in charge of each detachment will be instructed to submit his cash requirement to the Staff Officer of the contingent who will make arrangements with the Crown Agents for the Colonies to issue a payment form for the sum required which will be debited by them against the Government concerned.

The officers in charge of the various detachments will be responsible that any advances made do not exceed the maximum amount which has been authorized or, in the absence of such authorization, does not exceed the amount due to the non-commissioned officer in respect of his pay and allowances reckoned from the date to which he has already received payment. Officers in charge of detachments will be required to maintain a detailed account of all sums received and issued on this account for rendition to the headquarters of the unit concerned on return to the Colony. A duplicate of this account will also be rendered to the Crown Agents for the Colonies. This procedure should enable the necessary financial adjustment to be made without difficulty on the return of the contingents.

Colonial Office,

14th April, 1937.

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4137/3C/37.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies presents his compliments to the Governor of the Falkland Islands, and has the honour to transmit to him addressed envelopes containing copies of a Souvenir of the visit of the Overseas Forces to His Majesty's Coronation, which has been prepared by the Overseas Troops Entertainment Fund. The Trustees of the Fund have expressed the wish that a copy of the Souvenir should be given to every officer, non-commissioned officer and private soldier who came with the overseas contingents, and have asked the Secretary of State to arrange for distribution to be made to the members of the Colonial Coronation Contingent. It is therefore requested that the accompanying copies may be sent to the following:-

Major H.J. Stewart,
Corporal D.W. O'Sullivan.

Colonial Office,
Downing Street, S.W.1.
19th November, 1937.

C/18/36.

31st December,

37.

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you an addressed envelope containing a copy of a Souvenir of the visit of the Overseas Forces to His Majesty's Coronation, which has been prepared by the Overseas Troops Entertainment Fund.

2. The Trustees have expressed the wish that a copy of the Souvenir should be given to every officer, non-commissioned officer and private soldier who proceeded with the overseas contingents.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signature) M.C.A.

Colonial Secretary.

Sgt. D. W. O'Sullivan,
STANLEY.

(Thro' the Officer Commanding
The Falkland Islands Defence Force.)