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DEATH OF HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE VI.  
AND  
ACCESSION OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II.

CONNECTED FILES:

1527 Coronation of Her Majesty Q.E. II

PUBLIC NOTICE.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands,  
6th February, 1952.

It is with profound regret that the Governor's Deputy announces that, according to news relayed by the British Broadcasting Corporation, His Majesty King George VI died in the early hours of this morning.

All flags will be flown at half-mast.

The Public Offices will be closed for public business for the remainder of to-day, with the exception of the Telegraph Office.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM RECEIVED.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR.

Despatched: ..... Time: ..... Received: 6. 2. 52 Time: •

Circular No. 11. Profoundly regret to inform you that His Majesty King George VI passed away last night.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

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To

F. I. D. S. Acct.

BASE B REPEAT ALL BASES.

PROFOUNDLY REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT HIS MAJESTY  
KING GEORGE THE SIXTH PASSED AWAY LAST NIGHT.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Time

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<i>To</i>	Depos. Acct.
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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER SOUTH GEORGIA

No. 22. PROFOUNDLY REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE THE SIXTH PASSED AWAY LAST NIGHT

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

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To

OPERATOR, FOX BAY

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PROFOUNDLY REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE THE SIXTH PASSED AWAY LAST NIGHT STOP FLAGS ON GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS AT FOX BAY SHOULD BE FLOWN AT HALF MAST DAILY UNTIL DAY OF FUNERAL. EXCEPT UPON THE DAY OF THE PROCLAMATION OF THE ACCESSION (WHICH WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER) WHEN THEY WILL BE FLOWN AT MAST HEAD.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

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To

H.O. Acct.

WESTERS, FOX HAY

PROFOUNDLY REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT HIS MAJESTY KING  
GEORGE THE SIXTH PASSED AWAY LAST NIGHT.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

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				6. 2. 52.
To				H. O. Acct.
	GOVERNOR. "JOHN BISCOE"			

3. GB/2. HAVE NOW RECEIVED OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION FROM  
SECRET OF DEATH OF HIS MAJESTY THE KING LAST NIGHT STOP  
GRATEFUL INDICATE WHETHER YOU WILL BE SENDING MESSAGE OF  
CONDOLENCE OR WHETHER YOU WOULD WISH ME TO DO SO STOP  
HAVE INFORMED SOUTH GEORGIA AND ALL BASES

DEPUTY.

Time



## GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
3	Fitzroy	20	1330	6.2.5.2
To	Phone Col Sec Stanley			

Please confirm or otherwise officially with any details available  
reported sad news of this morning

White

Reply at 9

Time

VJSS

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TELEGRAM.

*From* Colonial Secretary.

*To* Captain White, S. S. "Fitzroy"

*Despatched* : 6th February, 1952 *Time* : 1047.

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

Profoundly regret to inform you that His Majesty King George VI passed away last night.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

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TELEGRAM.

From Governor's Deputy.

To H. E. the Governor, John Biscoe.

Despatched : 6th February, 19 52 Time : 1000.

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

GD/1. CONFIDENTIAL. Death of His Majesty. Anticipate that it will be necessary (presumably for me in your absence) to issue within next two or three days Proclamation proclaiming new sovereign. On last occasion text was received from London which required Governor to associate himself in issuing it with other persons whose positions appeared to render them most suitable. On that occasion members of Executive Council and Legislative Council in Stanley, totalling seven beside Governor, signed. At present only self and Slessor in Stanley, Oliver on tour. No members of Legislative Council. Grateful advice on whom you would wish to sign. Suggest myself, Slessor, Hardy and S. Luxton (as members-elect of Legislative Council) Mercer as next senior Government official and query Summers as Chairman of Town Council. Plus perhaps Barton as Colonial Manager and J.P.

DEPUTY.

GTC.  
SS

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TELEGRAM.

*From* H. E. the Governor, H.M. S. "Burghead Bay"

*To* The Governor's Deputy. (Priority)

*Despatched:* 6th February, 19 52 *Time:* 1430Z

*Received:* 6th February, 19 52 *Time:* 1100A

MC/6. Following for Secretary of State from Governor begins.  
Will you please convey to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and the Royal family with my humble duty an expression of the deep sorrow which we are all feeling on the news of the death of our beloved King and our sincere condolences in the immeasurable loss which they and the Empire have sustained. Ends.

GOVERNOR.

Del. at 12.

P/L.  
SS

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE  
FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.  
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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				6.2.52.

To

PRIORITY CHAPELRIE LONDON.

BOA/C.

NO 21. FOLLOWING FROM GOVERNOR BEGINS STOP WILL YOU PLEASE CONVEY TO HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH AND THE ROYAL FAMILY WITH MY HUMBLE DUTY AN EXPRESSION OF THE DEEP SORROW WHICH WE ARE ALL FEELING ON THE NEWS OF THE DEATH OF OUR BELOVED KING AND OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES IN THE IMMEASURABLE LOSS WHICH THEY AND THE EMPIRE HAVE SUSTAINED STOP ENDS.

GOVERNOR'S DEPUTY.

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR.

Despatched: 6.2.52. Time: 1230Z. Received: 6.2.52. Time: 1145A.

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Circular Unnumbered. My telegram No 11 Circular. Flags on Government House and Public Buildings should be flown half mast; 56 minute guns should if practicable be fired as soon as possible.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

GTC.  
SS

6<sup>th</sup> February 1952

Sir, It was with deep sorrow & regret that I telephoned Y/H this morning to say I had heard (on the radio) of the King's death.

Unfortunately it is only too true and I wish to convey my sympathy & condolences to His Majesty's representative in this Colony.

I have the honour to be  
Yours very truly

Alban

To His Honour  
Mr. Rayner, C.B.E.  
Government House  
Stanley



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TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched : 6.2.52 Time : 1940 Received : 6.2.52 Time : 2100

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CIRCULAR NO. 12. My telegram No. 11 Circular.

The following arrangements made here regarding places of entertainment and broadcast stations are communicated to you in order that you may consider what action should be taken locally:- Begins.

Theatres are closed to-day thereafter remaining open until day of funeral when they will close until 6.00 p.m. Procedure in cinemas is left to the discretion of managements but in practice is likely to be the same as for theatres.

Broadcast programmes in Home Services are closed to-day except for advertising News Bulletins and Summaries, Shipping Forecasts and Gale Warnings. Until day of funeral programmes will be at the usual hours but lighter material will be omitted and items will be restricted to school broadcasts, recitals of serious music and talks. After to-day and until day of funeral the Overseas Broadcasts Programmes will be as advertised except that material of a lighter nature will be replaced. In the event of an address by the Prime Minister this will be broadcast in both Home and Overseas Programmes and will be announced in advance. Ends.

G.T.C.  
LWA/WH.

SECRETARY OF STATE.



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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
59	London	52/31	2112	6.2.52.

To Press Information Falkland Islands

Go service February 7 1615 gmt approx description arrival  
 England HRH Princess Elizabeth 2100 rt Hon Winston Churchill  
 Prime Minister stop Please monitor for frequencies

Broadcasts

*Mr McNaughton advised  
 R. J. G. S.  
 7.2.52.*

Time VJSS

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED.

IMMEDIATE From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR.

Despatched: 6.2.52. Time: 2120. Received: 7.2.52. Time: 0845.

2 Circular Unnumbered (4) of February 6th. My telegram No 11 Circular.

His Majesty expired at Sandringham in early hours morning Wednesday February 6th to great affliction of the Royal Family and of all classes of His Majesty's subjects.

present Majesty will be proclaimed Queen Elizabeth II with all usual formalities at 11 a.m. G.M.T. on Friday February 8th.

Terms of Proclamation by which it is Her Majesty's desire she should be proclaimed in Colonies are being sent in separate telegram.

You should take steps to issue the Proclamation if practicable at local hour corresponding to home G.M.T. but not earlier than that time. You will observe form of the Proclamation requires you to associate yourself in issuing it with other persons and you should select those whose position appears to you to render them most suitable.

A Royal salute of 21 guns should if possible be fired after Proclamation of Her Majesty's Accession has been made.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

GTC-V.P.  
Typed-S.S.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

*From* H. E. the Governor, H. M. S. "Burghead Bay"

*To* Governor's Deputy. (Priority)

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*Despatched* : 6th February, 19 52 *Time* : 2130Z

*Received* : 7th February, 19 52 *Time* : 0845.

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Confidential. MC/8. ~~by~~ Your GD/1. AS I am in area my administration I cannot de functis in respect constitutional document this nature and any such Instrument should be signed specifically on my behalf by my Deputy and by members of Council.

2. I would not object to addition of LUXTON and HARDY albeit they have no status until legislation is convened but I see no virtue in inclusion others suggested.

GOVERNOR.

GTC-LWA/JB.  
Typed -S. S.

Seen.  
(Intld)M. R. R.  
7/2/52.

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR.

Despatched: 6.2.52. Time: 22.45 Received: 7. 2. 52. Time: 08.45

Circular No. 13. Confidential. I understand funeral His Late Majesty will probably take place towards the end of next week. On the assumption place will be available representative Colonial Territories please telegraph immediately names of any persons in this country who might be invited to represent territory under your administration.

It is unlikely that more than one representative of each territory could be invited.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

G.T.C. VP.

Reply at 20

DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: .7..2..52. Time: 03.18. Received: ..... Time: ....

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No. 24. Your telegram No. 13, circular of February 6th. Suggest A. I. Fleuret, 56, Vista Way, Kenton, Harrow, Middlesex, lately Administrative Officer, South Georgia, now on leave pending retirement, might represent this Colony.

GOVERNOR'S DEPUTY.

G. T. C. VP

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR.

IMMEDIATE

Despatched: 6.2.52. Time: 2345. Received: 7.2.52. Time: 0845.

Circular Unnumbered (7) 6th February. Flags on Government House and Public Buildings should remain at half mast until day of funeral date of which will be telegraphed later except on day of Proclamation of accession when they will be flown at masthead from 8 a.m. to sunset. Music not to be played at military parades or ceremonies of a military nature until after the date of the funeral except at the Proclamation of Her Majesty's accession.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

P/L.  
SS

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched : 7.2.52. Time : 01 30. Received : 7:2:52: Time : 0845.....

Circular Unnumbered (9) February, 6th. All groups ending with letter Q repeat Q should commence with capital repeat capital letter.

Following is text of Proclamation referred to in my unnumbered (4) circular telegram today. Begins:-

WHEREAS it has pleased Almighty God to call to His Mercy our late Sovereign Lord King George the Sixth of blessed and Glorious Memory by whose Decease the Crown is solely and rightfully come to the High and Mighty Princess Elizabeth Alexandra Mary:

We therefore (insert description person) do now hereby with one Voice and consent of Tongue and Heart publish and proclaim, that the High and Mighty Princess Elizabeth Alexandra Mary is now, by the Death of our late Sovereign of Happy Memory, become Queen Elizabeth the Second, by the Grace of God Queen of all Her Realm and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith, to whom Her lieges do acknowledge all Faith and constant Obedience, with hearty and humble Affection; beseeching God, by whom Kings and Queens do reign, to bless the Royal Princess Elizabeth the Second with long and happy years to reign over us.

Given at ..... etc.

God Save the Queen.

ends.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

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74	London	33/32	1424	7.2.52.

To Press information Falkland Islands

Thursday February 7 2100 gmt Churchill followed 2130/2300  
 memorial concert BBC symphony orchestra and BBC chorus conducto  
 -r Sir Malcolm Sargent on 31.55 25.42. 19.6 meters your area

Broadcasts

Time 7/2/52.



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TELEGRAM.

*From* The Admin. Officer, South Georgia.

*To* The Colonial Secretary.

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*Despatched* : 7th February, 19 52 *Time* : 1800

*Received* : 8th February, 19 52 *Time* : 0845

No 28. Grateful instructions regarding flying flag during period of Royal mourning.

ADMIN. OFFICER.

Reply at 25

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8.2.52.

To

ADMIN. OFFICER SOUTH GEORGIA.

DEPA/C

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NO 23. YOUR TELEGRAM 28. FLAG SHOULD BE FLOWN AT HALFMAST UNTIL  
AFTER DAY OF FUNERAL WITH EXCEPTION OF TODAY WHEN <sup>IT</sup> ~~THEY~~ SHOULD B.  
FLOWN AT HASTHEAD BEING DAY OF PROCLAMATION OF ACCESSION.

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Time  
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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
80	London	33/31	2024	7.2.52.

To **Press Information Falkland Islands**

Friday February 8 accession proclamations commentaries from UK  
 and some commonwealth countries 1045-1140 approx gmt news  
 and from editorials 1200-1215 on 19.85 16.95 13.93 metres  
 your area

**Broadcasts**

Time

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27

TELEGRAM.

From H.E. the Governor, H.M.S. "Burghead Bay"

To Governor's Deputy.

Despatched : 8th February, 19 52 Time : 0934

Received : 8th February, 19 52 Time : 0950

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M.C./12. My M.C./8. On further consideration you may add BARTON to signatories in his capacity as "Colonial Manager, Falkland Islands Company, a Justice of the Peace" If other signatories needed I suggest either STEELE alone or all three Ministers.

2. Proclamation should be made out in my name.

GOVERNOR

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Reply at 28

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TELEGRAM.

From Governor's Deputy.

To H.E. the Governor, H.M.S. "Burghead Bay"

Despatched : 8th February, 1952 Time : 1145

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

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GD/3. CONFIDENTIAL. Your MC/12. Proclamation of Accession. Instructions from Secretary of State required Proclamation to be made at 1100 G.M.T. repeat G.M.T. This was accordingly done at 0800 local time this morning, before receipt of your MC/12 and in accordance with instructions contained in your MC/8. Signatories were myself, Slessor, Luxton and Hardy. I signed quote for and on behalf of His Excellency the Governor unquote as indicated in your MC/8 but I much regret that as your latest telegram had not then been received Proclamation was not specifically made out in your name.

DEPUTY.

GTC.  
SS

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TELEGRAM.

From The Admin. Officer, South Georgia.

To The Colonial Secretary

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Despatched : 7th February, 1952 Time : 1900

Received : 8th February, 19 52 Time : 0845

4 No 26. It was with profound sorrow that we received your telegram No 22 and all South Georgia wish to join me in sending most sincere sympathy to the Royal Family at this time.

ADMIN. OFFICER.

Covered by H.E.'s message already sent to S. of S.  
(Intld) M. R. R.  
8/2/52.

P/L.  
SS

29<sup>H</sup>

# Proclamation

WHEREAS it has pleased Almighty God to call to His Mercy our late Sovereign Lord King George the Sixth. of Blessed and Glorious Memory, by whose Decease the the Crown is solely and rightfully come to the High and Mighty Princess Elizabeth Alexandra Mary:

We, therefore, Michael Robert Raymer, Esquire, Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Colonial Secretary and Deputy for His Excellency the Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of the Falkland Islands and its Dependencies; Robert Stewart Slessor, Esquire, Senior Medical Officer and a Member of the Executive Council of the said Colony; Stanley Charles Luxton, Esquire and Arthur Leslie Hardy, Esquire, British Empire Medal, Members-elect of the Legislative Council of the said Colony, do now hereby with one Voice and Consent of Tongue and Heart, publish and proclaim, That the High and Mighty Princess Elizabeth Alexandra Mary is now, by the death of our late Sovereign of Happy Memory, become Queen Elizabeth the Second, by the Grace of God, Queen of all Her Realm and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith, to whom Her Lieges do acknowledge all Faith and constant Obedience, with hearty and humble Affection; beseeching God, by whom Kings and Queens do reign, to bless the Royal Princess Elizabeth the Second with long and happy Years to reign over us.

Given at Government House, Stanley, this 8th day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-two.

**GOD SAVE THE QUEEN**

For and on behalf of  
His Excellency the Governor

*Michael R. Raymer.*  
Colonial Secretary and Governor's Deputy.

*R. Stewart Slessor*

*S. C. Luxton*

*A. L. Hardy*  
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Y.E. (on return)

may wish to see the whole of this file. I understand that the funeral will be on Friday next, and Mr. Steele is arranging to have a memorial service on that day in the Cathedral. I said I thought that if Y.E. was back in time you would like to read the lesson. I did not have any gun salutes fired because we have only got live ammunition at present.

Yes.

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9.2.52.

File seen - admn approved.

mc 10/2.54

ll 11/2.



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TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched : (9.2.52. Time : 1230. Received : 10.2.52. Time : 0845

Circular No 15. Proclamation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second was signed at the Accession Council held on 8th February. Immediately after signature of Proclamation Her Majesty was pleased to make the following declaration begins.

By the sudden death of my dear father I am called to assume the duties and responsibility of sovereignty. At this time of deep sorrow it is a profound consolation to me to be assured of the sympathy which you and all my peoples feel towards me, to my mother and sister and to the other members of my family. My father was our revered and beloved head as he was of the wider family of his subjects. The grief which his loss brings is shared among us all. My heart is too full for me to say more to you today than that I shall always work as my father did throughout his reign to uphold constitutional government and to advance the happiness and prosperity of my peoples spread as they are the world over. I know that in my resolve to follow his shining example of service and devotion I shall be inspired by the loyalty and affection of those whose Queen I have been called to be and by the counsel of their elected Parliaments.

I pray that God will help me to discharge worthily this heavy task that has been laid upon me so early in my life. Ends

Her Majesty was also pleased to order the preparation of a warrant for her signature which will authorise you to make use of the Public Seal now in use until another shall be prepared and transmitted to you. Under the demise of the Crown Act 1901 the holding of any office under the Crown is not affected by such demise. There is no necessity for members of Executive ~~or~~ or Legislative Councils or for any other persons who have already taken the oath of allegiance to be resworn on account of the demise of the Crown.

SECRETARY OF STATE

(Intld)M. R. R.

(Intld)M. C.

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR.

Despatched: 9.2.52. Time: 2015. Received: 10.2.52. Time: 0845

Circular No 16. Her Majesty has commanded that the Court shall wear mourning until 31st May 1952 and shall come out of mourning on 1st June 1952.

It is Her Majesty's wish that all Officers of Her Majesty's forces shall wear black crepe on the left arm when in uniform and also when wearing greatcoat until 31st May 1952 and that until after the funeral of His Late Majesty drums shall be covered with black and black crepe shall be hung from the top of the colour staff of Infantry and from the Standard Staff and trumpets of Cavalry.

SECRETARY OF STATE

(Intld)M.R.R.

(Intld)M.C.

P/L.  
SS

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR.

Despatched: 9.2.52. Time: 0900. Received: 9.2.52. Time: 1130

Circular No 14. 9th February 1952. Queen trailer film black and white prints now being prepared. Coloured will not be ready for some months and price cannot yet be quoted. Please inform me how many of former you wish ordered for your territory in 16 mm. and 35 mm. respectively and whether full or shortened version preferred. Length of version unlikely to affect price which is provisionally estimated at £2. 10s. and £3.10s.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

Y. E.

Above arrived to-day. I am not 100% sure whether it is a trailer (i.e. brief) film about the new Queen or a film about a trailer called the "Queen" trailer, though I presume it is the former. If so, we might order one copy of the black & white version?

(Intld)M.C.  
11/2/52

(Intld)M.R.R.  
11/2/52

P/L.  
cc

Reply at 50

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR.

Despatched: 12.2.52. Time: 1250. Received: 13.2.52. Time: 0845

Circular 17. The following announcement was issued by the Home Office yesterday begins.

As has already been announced it is the Queen's wish that as a mark of respect for the Late King's memory a two minutes silence should be observed on Friday February 15th. The silence should start at 2 p.m. when the funeral service in St. George's Chapel Windsor is expected to begin. Ends.

I suggest observance of silence of two minutes at the same hour local time.

SECRETARY OF STATE

P/L.  
SS

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR.

Despatched : 12.2.52. Time : 1330. Received : 12.2.52. Time : 1400

Unnumbered Circular. of 12th February. 56 minute guns should if practicable be fired on 15th February day of funeral of His Late Majesty. Firing at home commences at 0930 GMT. Please arrange accordingly acting in conjunction with Naval and Military authorities when present.

Service authorities are sending similar instructions to their commands.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

P/L.  
SS

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TELEGRAM.

*From* Broadcasts, London.

*To* Press Information, Stanley.

*Despatched* : 12th February, 1952 *Time* : 1620

*Received* : 13th February, 1952 *Time* : 0845

Herewith broad outline Royal funeral arrangements Friday February 15th overall time 0915 GMT approx to 1430 approx with interludes. Starts with commentaries on procession from Westminster News at 1215 approx commentary on Service Windsor approx 1345 with actual service 1400. Further details and special frequencies your area will be broadcast Thursday 1615 2015 Friday 0215 0715. Edited versions G.O. Service Friday 1715 - 1800 2015-2100 Friday/Saturday 0115-0200 normal frequencies.

BROADCASTS.

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR.

Despatched: 12.1.52. Time: 1945. Received: 13.2.52. Time: 0845

36 Circular No 19. My Circular No 17. In accordance with precedent there will be no general suspension of work in this country on the day of the Late King's funeral.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

(InHd) M.C.

P/L.  
SS

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR.

Despatched: 12.2.52. Time: 1815. Received: 13.2.52. Time: 0845

12 No 18. Your telegram No 21. I am comm~~and~~ed by the Queen to convey to you and people of Falkland Islands Her Majesty's grateful thanks for your message of sympathy to herself and members of Royal Family on death His Late Majesty King George the Sixth.

SECRETARY OF STATE

(Intld)M.C.

GTC  
SS



Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

13th February, 1952.

His Excellency the Governor directs the publication of the following telegraphic correspondence exchanged on the occasion of the death of His late Majesty King George the Sixth:-

From His Excellency the Governor to the  
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

6th February, 1952.

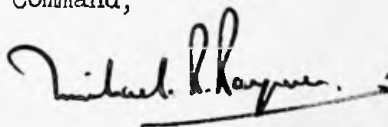
Will you please convey to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and the Royal Family with my humble duty an expression of the deep sorrow which we are all feeling on the news of the death of our beloved King and our sincere condolences in the immeasurable loss which they and the Empire have sustained.

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies  
to His Excellency the Governor.

12th February, 1952.

I am commanded by the Queen to convey to you and the people of the Falkland Islands Her Majesty's grateful thanks for your message of sympathy to herself and Members of the Royal Family on the death of His late Majesty King George the Sixth.

By Command,



Colonial Secretary.

Ref: 1495.

WH.

Copy sent to Mr. Creece - News Reader 15/2/52.

14/2/52

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR.

Despatched: 13.2.52. Time: 2130. Received: 14.2.52. Time: 0845

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Unnumbered Circular of 13th February. My Circular telegram No 20.  
My talk will not repeat not be transmitted on general overseas services  
11.30 GMT 16th February. Other transmission times remain firm.

SECRETARY OF STATE

Inform B'casting Cttee pl.  
(Intld) M. R. R.  
14/2/51.

Mr. MacNaughton informed by telephone.

*SS.*  
14/2/52.

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR.

Despatched: 13.2.52. Time: 1230. Received: 14.2.52 Time: 0845

34 Circular No 21. My Circular telegram No 16. The general public in this country has been asked by the Earl Marshal to wear mourning until after His Late Majesty's funeral. It is not expected that people should go to great expense.

You will no doubt consider whether any similar action should be taken locally.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

A. C. S.

Spoke H.E. N.f.a. on this.

(Intld)M.R.R.

14/2/52

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE  
FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.  
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16.2.52.

To

CHAPETRIE LONDON

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NO 30. YOUR CIRCULAR TELEGRAM 14 STOP GRATEFUL IF ONE BLACK AND  
WHITE 16 MM FULL VERSION COULD BE ORDERED FOR THIS COLONY.

GOVERNOR.

Time

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR.

Despatched: 21.2.52. Time: 1245. Received: 22.2.52. Time: 0845

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Circular No 22. My Circular telegram No 16. Court Mourning.

I have received enquiries regarding entertaining and entertainment during period of Court Mourning and the use of black edged paper.

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In all these matters you should be guided by the instructions enclosed in my Circular despatch (2) of 28th February 1951. Police forces should follow service practice and officers should not repeat not attend balls or dances in uniform until after 31st May. It is Her Majesty's wish that public entertainment associated with Government trade or charity should take place as usual.

The general intention is that there should be as little interference as possible with normal social engagements apart from any restriction that you may consider necessary having regard to local practice and sentiment. Use of black edged paper from here will be restricted to official despatches and will not repeat not include savingsgrams or semi official letters.

Extracted  
to

(Intld)M.C.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

P/L.  
SS  
Y.E.  
f.i.  
(Intld)M.R.R.

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR.

Despatched: 22.2.52. Time: 1820 Received: 23.2.52. Time: 0845

Unnumbered Circular of 22nd February 1952. Title of H.M.the Queen.

The style and titles used by the Late King will continue to be used by Her Majesty and not those used in the Proclamation of Accession

SECRETARY OF STATE.

pps.  
(Intld)M.R.R.

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Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

27th February, 1952.

His Excellency the Governor directs the publication of the following telegram received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies :-

"Circular No. 18. 12th February, 1952. Accession of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second. The following messages are being addressed by Her Majesty to (a) the Royal Navy :

"On my accession to the Throne I wish to send a message of gratitude to the Royal Navy and all my other Naval Forces for the distinguished services which they rendered during the reign of my beloved father. He received his early training in the Royal Navy and maintained throughout his life a close personal interest in the ships and men of the Naval Services. As the wife of a serving officer I too have a specially intimate link with the Royal Navy. I have seen both at home and overseas how its great tradition tested and proved in two world wars are constantly maintained by all who serve under the White Ensign. I shall endeavour to keep in touch with the activities and welfare of all ranks and ratings of my Naval Forces throughout the Commonwealth. Grateful for their services in the past, proud of their present efficiency and confident that they will uphold their high standards, I send to them all this expression of the trust which I and my peoples throughout the Commonwealth repose in them. Elizabeth R."

"(b) the Army. I wish on succeeding to the Throne to address a message to all ranks of my Armies thanking them for the notable services which they rendered to my beloved father during his reign and assuring them of my confidence in their loyalty and efficiency. My own service in the Auxiliary Territorial Service and my personal associations with individual regiments of British and Commonwealth Forces have given me some experience of the varied and onerous tasks which they are called upon to discharge. Devotion to duty, a good humoured acceptance of hardship when necessary and an undefeatable endurance in adversity are characteristics of the Military Forces which have brought us victory in war and security in peace. I know that I can rely upon them to respond to any call upon their allegiance with the same competence and enthusiasm with which they served my father. I shall always take a close personal interest in all that concerns their welfare and efficiency. Elizabeth R."

"(c) the Royal Air Force. On my accession to the Throne I wish to assure my Air Forces at home and overseas of my gratitude for their services to my beloved father and of my confidence in their loyalty and efficiency. My father won his wings as a young man and watched with pride the rapid development of the Royal Air Force and its sister forces throughout the Commonwealth. I was glad to be able to present his colour to the Royal Air Force in the United Kingdom last year and I value highly my own association with the Royal Auxiliary Air Force. In a short time the Air Forces of the Commonwealth by their skill and courage have earned a reputation and established tradition of which they may well be proud. Their heroic exploits in the second world war will never be forgotten. Now in far-flung stations over the world they play a constant and always hazardous part in protecting the security of our territories and communications. I assure them of my personal solicitude for their welfare and I trust that they will continue to display that pride of service and unswerving allegiance to the Crown which they have ever shown. Elizabeth R."

/ "(d) the Colonial

"(d) the Colonial Service. I desire on my accession to the Throne to express to all members of the Colonial Service my warm appreciation of the ability and devotion with which in the past they have performed their manifold and responsible duties. The splendid traditions of the service are well known to me and are rightly a source of pride to its members. I know that I can depend with confidence on their unfailing loyalty and on their continued and steadfast devotion to the wellbeing of the peoples whom they serve. Elizabeth R."

By Command,

*Michael R. Kayser*

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

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*Handwritten initials and date: 20/12/52*

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*20/12/52*





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SAVINGRAM

CIRCULAR 136/52

14th February, 1952.

PRIORITY

FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

SPECIAL FORMS OF SERVICE IN COMMEMORATION OF HIS LATE  
MAJESTY KING GEORGE VI.

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I enclose for your information a copy of the Special Forms of Service prepared by Her Majesty's Command in Commemoration of his late Majesty, King George VI, which are to be used in all Churches and Chapels in this country either on the day of the funeral or on the most convenient day within the octave.

This circular has been sent to the Federation of Malaya under cover of a separate despatch.

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*A little later in the day*

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING

THE GOVERNMENT OF

THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.



SECOND SUPPLEMENT TO  
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**FRIDAY, 8 FEBRUARY, 1952**

At the Court at *St. James's*, the 8th day of *February*, 1952.

**PRESENT.**

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty  
 in Council.

Her Majesty, being this day present in Council, was pleased to make the following Declaration:—

“Your Royal Highnesses. My Lords. Ladies and Gentlemen:

By the sudden death of my dear Father, I am called to assume the duties and responsibilities of Sovereignty.

At this time of deep sorrow, it is a profound consolation to me to be assured of the sympathy which you and all my Peoples feel towards me, to my Mother, and my Sister, and to the other members of my Family. My Father was our revered and beloved Head, as he was of the wider Family of his subjects; the grief which his loss brings is shared among us all.

My heart is too full for me to say more to you to-day than that I shall always work, as my Father did throughout his Reign, to uphold constitutional government and to advance the happiness and prosperity of my Peoples, spread as they are all the world over. I know that in my resolve to follow his shining example of service and devotion, I shall be inspired by the loyalty and affection of those whose Queen I have been called to be, and by the counsel of their

elected Parliaments. I pray that God will help me to discharge worthily this heavy task that has been laid upon me so early in my life.”

Whereupon the Lords of the Council made it their humble request to Her Majesty that Her Majesty's Most Gracious Declaration to Their Lordships might be made public, which Her Majesty was pleased to Order accordingly.

*F. J. Fernau.*

At the Court at *St. James's*, the 8th day of *February*, 1952.

**PRESENT,**

**THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.**

*His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester.*

*His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh.*

*Lord Chancellor.*

*Archbishop of York.*

*Prime Minister.*

*Lord President.*

*Mr. Speaker of the House of Commons.*

*Lord Privy Seal.*

*Earl Marshal.*

*Master of the Horse.*

*Duke of Buccleuch and*

*Queensberry.*

<i>Lord Chamberlain.</i>	<i>Secretary Sir David Patrick</i>
<i>Earl of Shaftesbury.</i>	<i>Maxwell Fyfe.</i>
<i>Earl of Home.</i>	<i>Mr. Secretary Eden.</i>
<i>Earl Stanhope.</i>	<i>Mr. Secretary Lytton.</i>
<i>Earl De La Warr.</i>	<i>Mr. Secretary Head.</i>
<i>Earl of Drogheda.</i>	<i>Mr. Secretary Stuart.</i>
<i>Earl of Bessborough.</i>	<i>Sir William Forbes Erskine.</i>
<i>Earl Winterton.</i>	<i>Major the Honourable Gwilym</i>
<i>Earl Howe.</i>	<i>Lloyd George.</i>
<i>Earl of Listowel.</i>	<i>Mr. Amery.</i>
<i>Earl of Selborne.</i>	<i>Sir Charles Philips Trevelyan.</i>
<i>Earl of Halifax.</i>	<i>Sir Frederick Hugh Sykes.</i>
<i>Earl of Gowrie.</i>	<i>Mr. Arthur Greenwood.</i>
<i>Earl Mountbatten of Burma.</i>	<i>Mr. Herbert Morrison.</i>
<i>Earl Jowitt.</i>	<i>Mr. Walter Elliot.</i>
<i>Viscount Mersey.</i>	<i>Sir Percy Loraine.</i>
<i>Viscount Swinton.</i>	<i>Mr. Hore-Belisha.</i>
<i>Viscount Samuel.</i>	<i>Mr. Ernest Brown.</i>
<i>Viscount Davidson.</i>	<i>Mr. C. R. Attlee.</i>
<i>Viscount Weir.</i>	<i>Sir Alfred Duff Cooper.</i>
<i>Viscount Simon.</i>	<i>Sir Donald Somervell.</i>
<i>Viscount Stansgate.</i>	<i>Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.</i>
<i>Viscount Templewood.</i>	<i>Captain H. F. C. Crookshank.</i>
<i>Viscount Hall.</i>	<i>Sir Andrew Rae Duncan.</i>
<i>Viscount Bruce of Melbourne.</i>	<i>Mr. Hugh Dalton.</i>
<i>Viscount Hudson.</i>	<i>Sir Walter Womersley.</i>
<i>Viscount Waverley.</i>	<i>Honourable Vincent Massey.</i>
<i>Bishop of London.</i>	<i>Mr. Tom Williams.</i>
<i>Lord Ismay.</i>	<i>Sir Sidney Abrahams.</i>
<i>Lord De L'Isle and Dudley.</i>	<i>Mr. Harold Macmillan.</i>
<i>Lord Leathers.</i>	<i>Sir Percy Grigg.</i>
<i>Lord Denman.</i>	<i>Honourable Sir Arthur Fadden.</i>
<i>Lord Stanmore.</i>	<i>Mr. R. K. Law.</i>
<i>Lord Hardinge of Penshurst.</i>	<i>Mr. Osbert Peake.</i>
<i>Lord Alness.</i>	<i>Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd.</i>
<i>Lord Wigram.</i>	<i>Sir Alan Lascelles.</i>
<i>Lord Kennet.</i>	<i>Sir Ben Smith.</i>
<i>Lord Hailey.</i>	<i>Mr. R. Assheton.</i>
<i>Lord Chatfield.</i>	<i>Mr. W. Mabane.</i>
<i>Lord Porter.</i>	<i>Mr. W. Paling.</i>
<i>Lord Hankey.</i>	<i>Captain C. Waterhouse.</i>
<i>Lord Nathan.</i>	<i>Mr. Chuter Ede.</i>
<i>Lord Reith.</i>	<i>Sir John Beaumont.</i>
<i>Lord Merriman.</i>	<i>Mr. Duncan Sandys.</i>
<i>Lord Cherwell.</i>	<i>Miss Florence Horsbrugh.</i>
<i>Lord Killearn.</i>	<i>Sir Geoffrey Shakespeare.</i>
<i>Lord Ammon.</i>	<i>Mr. H. G. White.</i>
<i>Lord Goddard.</i>	<i>Mr. G. A. Isaacs.</i>
<i>Lord Courthope.</i>	<i>Mr. Aneurin Bevan.</i>
<i>Lord Altrincham.</i>	<i>Mr. E. Shinwell.</i>
<i>Lord Pethick-Lawrence.</i>	<i>Mr. A. Barnes.</i>
<i>Lord Henderson.</i>	<i>Mr. J. Griffiths.</i>
<i>Lord Morrison.</i>	<i>Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Cuthbert</i>
<i>Lord Shepherd.</i>	<i>Headlam.</i>
<i>Lord Citrine.</i>	<i>Mr. M. S. McCorquodale.</i>
<i>Lord Normand.</i>	<i>Mr. P. J. Noel-Baker.</i>
<i>Lord Oaksey.</i>	<i>Sir Alfred Bucknill.</i>
<i>Lord Morton of Henryton.</i>	<i>Honourable Walter Nash.</i>
<i>Lord Clydesmuir.</i>	<i>Mr. John Strachey.</i>
<i>Lord Reid.</i>	<i>Sir Hartley Shawcross.</i>
<i>Lord Macdonald of Gwaenysgor.</i>	<i>Mr. F. J. Bellenger.</i>
<i>Lord Radcliffe.</i>	<i>Mr. Creech Jones.</i>
<i>Lord Wilmot of Selmeston.</i>	<i>Mr. Hector McNeil.</i>
<i>Lord Silkin.</i>	<i>Mr. Clement Davies.</i>
<i>Lord Ogmore.</i>	<i>Mr. Arthur Henderson.</i>
<i>Lord Tucker.</i>	<i>Sir Francis Evershed.</i>
<i>Lord Asquith of Bishopstone.</i>	<i>Mr. Harold Wilson.</i>
<i>Lord Cohen.</i>	<i>Mr. Hugh Gaitskell.</i>
<i>Lord Milner of Leeds.</i>	<i>Honourable Sir Malcolm</i>
	<i>Macnaghten.</i>
	<i>Mr. G. Buchanan.</i>

*Sir Frank Soskice.*  
*Sir John Singleton.*  
*Sir Alfred Denning.*  
*Mr. H. A. Marquand.*  
*Dr. Edith Summerskill.*  
*Sir David Jenkins.*  
*Mr. John Dugdale.*  
*Sir Lionel Leach.*  
*Sir Ronald Ian Campbell.*  
*Mr. P. Gordon-Walker.*  
*Mr. Maurice Webb.*  
*Honourable Sidney Holland.*  
*Sir Francis Hodson.*  
*Mr. Alfred Robens.*  
*Mr. G. A. Brown.*  
*Sir John Morris.*  
*Honourable Kenneth Younger.*  
*Sir Walter Monckton.*  
*Mr. Buchan-Hepburn.*  
*Captain Peter Thorneycroft.*  
*Mr. J. P. L. Thomas.*  
*Mr. David Eccles.*  
*Sir Thomas Dugdale.*  
*Mr. A. T. Lennox-Boyd.*  
*Mr. A. G. Bottomley.*  
*Mr. Douglas Jay.*  
*Mr. R. J. Taylor.*  
*Mr. Charles Williams.*

Her Majesty at Her first coming into the Council, was this day pleased to declare that, understanding that the Law required She should at Her Accession to the Crown take and subscribe the Oath relating to the security of the Church of Scotland. She was now ready to do so at this first opportunity, which Her Majesty was graciously pleased to do according to the Forms used by the Law of Scotland, and subscribed two Instruments thereof in the

presence of the Lords of the Council, who witnessed the same. And Her Majesty was pleased to order that one of the said Instruments be transmitted to the Court of Session, to be recorded in the Books of Sederunt, and afterwards be forthwith lodged in the Public Register of Scotland, and that the other of them remain among the Records of the Council and be entered in the Council Book.

*F. J. Fernau.*

At the Council Chamber, *Whitehall*, the 7th day of *February*, 1952.

BY THE LORDS OF HER MAJESTY'S MOST HONOURABLE PRIVY COUNCIL.

PRESENT.

Archbishop of Canterbury.	Bishop of London. Secretary Sir David Maxwell Fyfe.
Lord President.	

It is this day ordered by Their Lordships that His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury do prepare Special Forms of Service in Commemoration of His late Majesty King George of Blessed and Glorious Memory to be used in all Churches and Chapels in England as defined in the Interpretation Measure, 1925, either on the day of His late Majesty's funeral or on the most convenient day within the octave.

And it is hereby further ordered that Her Majesty's Printer do forthwith print a competent number of copies of the said Forms of Service, that the same may be forthwith sent round, and read in the several Churches and Chapels of England.

*F. J. Fernau.*

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

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To  
CHAPELRIES. LONDON.

NO 49. I SHALL BE OBLIGED IF YOU WILL CONVEY THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO THE QUEEN WITH MY HUMBLE DUTY BEGINS THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS ASSEMBLED UNDER ITS NEW CONSTITUTION DESIRES AS ITS FIRST DUTY TO CONVEY TO YOUR MAJESTY AN ASSURANCE OF THE RESPECTFUL AFFECTION WHICH IS BORNE BY EVERYONE IN THIS COLONY TO YOUR MAJESTY'S THRONE AND PERSON AND THEY HOPE AND CONFIDENTLY BELIEVE THAT YOUR MAJESTY'S REIGN WHICH THEY PRAY MAY BE LONG WILL BRING NEW STRENGTH AND LUSTRE TO THE GREAT COMMONWEALTH OF WHICH THEY FORM SO SMALL BUT SO LOYAL A PART ENDS.

GOVERNOR.

*Recd  
15/3/52*

*Ans.  
Shd. come be pagetted. P.*

*J.P.3.*

*Yes. 1.58  
do you wish this to be pagetted  
if so that we wait a bit  
for a possible reply?*

*18/3*

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched: 15.3.52. Time: 0920. Received: 16.3.52. Time: 0845

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No 47. Your telegram No 49 containing a message of loyalty on occasion accession to throne of Her Majesty the Queen.

I am commanded by Her Majesty to ask you to convey to Members of Legislative Council a suitable expression<sup>d</sup> her appreciation<sup>t</sup> sentiment contained in this message.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

ACS  
(Intld)C.C.

ACS  
— P20 pyzette 58 + 60 —  
only the message parts.  
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Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.  
24th March, 1952.

It is hereby notified that the following messages have been exchanged between His Excellency the Governor and the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies:-

From His Excellency the Governor to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

The Legislative Council of the Falkland Islands assembled under its new constitution desires as its first duty to convey to Your Majesty an assurance of the respectful affection which is borne by everyone in this Colony to Your Majesty's throne and person and they hope and confidently believe that Your Majesty's reign which they pray may be long will bring new strength and lustre to the great Commonwealth of which they form so small but so loyal a part.

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies to His Excellency the Governor.

I am commanded by Her Majesty to ask you to convey to Members of Legislative Council a suitable expression of her appreciation of sentiment contained in this message.

By Command,

C Campbell  
COLONIAL SECRETARY.

*Y<sup>h</sup> you wished to see (60). I must apologize for my error in not submitting a wire ps. all S/S telegrams in future.*

*I am using (6) in the gazette*

*There is good reason for this as I will explain.*

*Copy sent to News Reader of 28/3/52*

*Dem. Inc 28/3/52*

*Pa. 25/3*

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DESPATCH

CIRCULAR 209/52

THE CHURCH HOUSE,  
GREAT SMITH STREET,  
LONDON, S.W.1.  
7th March, 1952.

Sir,

MESSAGE FROM HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN TO THE  
COLONIAL SERVICE.

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With reference to my circular telegram No. 78,  
I have the honour to enclose, for your information, a copy of  
a letter addressed to Her Majesty's Private Secretary in which  
I expressed the deep appreciation felt by all members of the  
Colonial Service at the receipt of the Queen's gracious  
message.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your most obedient,  
humble Servant,

*Oliver Tytheham*

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THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING  
THE GOVERNMENT OF  
THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.



COPY

4542/P/52  
General

23rd February, 1952.

My dear Lascelles,

The messages from Her Majesty The Queen to the members of the Colonial Service and her three Armed Forces enclosed in your letter of the 12th February were duly communicated to the Governors of all overseas territories. The response on behalf of the Armed Forces will no doubt have reached you through other channels, but I feel I should let you know on behalf of the Colonial Service how very deeply the members of that Service have been touched and encouraged by Her Majesty's gracious message.

I shall be grateful if you will, in conveying my humble duty to Her Majesty, express to her the deep appreciation of her gracious message felt by all members of the Colonial Service, and convey to her an assurance of their continued loyalty and devotion to Her Throne and Person in the execution of the high responsibilities with which Her Majesty has entrusted them.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) O. Lyttelton.

The Right Honourable  
Sir Alan Lascelles, G.C.V.O., K.C.B., C.M.G., M.C.

Y.A. Please see (62) & (63).

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FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

C.O. Ref: 96301/52

SAVINGRAM

CIRCULAR 529/52

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26th May, 1952.

QUEEN TRAILER FILM.

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My circular telegram No. 14 of the 9th of February, 1952.

I am sorry to inform you that there is being unforeseen delay in meeting requests for this trailer. The versions originally prepared were, when viewed, regarded as unsatisfactory by my advisers; nor, it is understood, did they find favour at the Palace. An intensive search of library material undertaken by the Colonial Film Unit has failed to produce anything better. It is therefore proposed to obtain material for a satisfactory trailer, both in colour and in black and white, on the occasion of the Trooping of the Colcur. Provided that there is no difficulty over price your black and white orders will be met as they stand and a further communication will be sent to you about the colour version. I trust that this unfortunate delay has put you to no serious inconvenience.

2. This circular has been sent to the High Commissioner, Federation of Malaya, under cover of a separate despatch.

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Copies sent to:- The Crown Agents for the Colonies  
The Colonial Film Unit.

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THE GOVERNMENT OF  
THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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C.O. Ref. CSB 153/01

DESPATCH

CIRCULAR 764/52.

THE CHURCH HOUSE,  
GREAT SMITH STREET,  
LONDON.S.W.1.  
29th July, 1952.

Sir,

THE ROYAL CYPHER OF  
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

*See back cover*

I have the honour to transmit to you copies of the two official designs for the Royal Cypher, as approved by Her Majesty the Queen.

2. One design shows the Cypher when full colour is desired, and the other as it should appear in black and white, or when a single colour on some other background is used.

3. This circular has been addressed to all Colonies and Protectorates etc., It has been sent to the High Commissioner, Federation of Malaya under cover of a separate despatch.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your most obedient,  
humble Servant,

*Oliver T. ...*

Q

*See kb.*

*W.C.S.  
F.N.A. ml.  
[Signature] 15/8*

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING  
THE GOVERNMENT OF  
THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

*Offie* Please enclos. in an  
envelope at back cover, p

*25/8.*

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DESPATCH

CIRCULAR 941/52

THE CHURCH HOUSE,  
GREAT SMITH STREET,  
LONDON, S.W.1.

116 OCT 1952

26th September, 1952.

Sir,

ROYAL CYPHER.

65. I have the honour to refer to my circular despatch No. 764 of the 29th July transmitting copies of the official designs for the Royal Cypher as approved by Her Majesty The Queen. You will no doubt have observed that the design of the crown which is incorporated in this Cypher differs from that which was used during the reign of His late Majesty King George VI.

2. I should explain that, prior to the reign of King Edward VII, there was no rule or custom regulating the design of representations of the Crown when used with the Royal Cypher or separately for various official purposes. His late Majesty King Edward VII caused the arrangements to be regularised so that customarily the design known as the Tudor Crown would be shown with or without the Royal Cypher. This design varied to some extent in detail, but it was generally used with or without the Cypher on insignia of Orders, decorations, medals, coins, postage stamps, various badges of the Services, rank badges, buttons, Government publications, postal vans, Government equipment, stores, etc. By regularising the design of the representations of the Crown in this way, no changes in the design have been necessary up to now on the subsequent changes of Reign.

3. It is, however, The Queen's desire that the new Royal Cypher should incorporate a representation of the Crown resembling the St. Edward's Crown and Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to consider the question of the design of representations of the Crown, in future, when used with the Royal Cypher or otherwise, and has given the following Commands:-

(i) The Queen wishes the St. Edward's Crown to take the place of the Tudor Crown in all future designs embodying a representation of the Crown;

/(ii)

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING  
THE GOVERNMENT OF  
THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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- (ii) Existing designs on decorations, medals, coins, stamps, stationery, etc., should not be changed unless or until it is necessary to do so. Whenever, however, a design embodying the Crown has for any reason to be changed, the St. Edward's Crown should be substituted for the Tudor Crown.
- (iii) No unnecessary expense should be incurred in making these changes and where alteration in an existing design would involve such expense it should be deferred.
- (iv) Her Majesty has no objection to the use of two different designs for the Crown in the transition period before all Crowns on Royal Emblems are changed to the design of the St. Edward's Crown.

4. I have to request that you will act in accordance with these instructions.

5. This circular has been addressed to all Colonies and Protectorates etc. It has been sent to the High Commissioner, Federation of Malaya, under cover of a separate despatch.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your most obedient,  
humble Servant,

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