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MISCELLANEOUS.
No. 62/33

1933

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SUBJECT.

1933.

4th March.

Previous Paper.

Presentation of Silver Smoking Set to Government House by citizens of Bristol on the occasion of the Centenary of the Colony.

MINUTES.

- 1-2 Letter from Col Leonard, 2/1/33
- 3-5 " " " " 1/2/33
- 6 Letter from the Lord Mayor of Bristol 7/1/33
- 7-8 Letter to " " " " 1/3/33

G. E. G. E. may wish to

inform the S. of S. of this presentation.

I put up a draft despatch.

Hon C. S.
Capital:

J. G. G.
11-3-33

J. G. G.

10. 3. 33.

Subsequent Paper.

Despatch to S. of S. no. 42 of 14/3/33.

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b.f. +. 4. 33.
paid 16. 3. 33.

b.f. 20. 4. 33.
paid 4. 4. 33.

Letter to the Cts. of 21/4/33.

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b.f. 5. 5. 33.
paid 21. 4. 33.

y. 2. I have spoken to Mr. Young
at Mr. Stamford and submit that
a fee of ^{three guineas} ~~£10~~ be paid Mr.
Stamford for his services in making
the cigarette box for presentation
to the City of Bristol.

2. I put up a draft

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Sheet No. 2

Inside Minute Paper.

Letter to Mr. Hannaford

3. Re fee of three

funerals will be chargeable

against App. I. & "Miscellaneous"

J.M.D.

5.5.33.

Hon C. S.
Approved
J.G.
5-5-33

(11) Letter to Mr. R. H. Hannaford, of 4/6/31.

P.A.
9/5/33

12. S. of S. despatch, no. 49 of 8 June, 1933

YMB.

Red 12 submitted for information.

C.D.J.
for S.C.S.
4/8/33.

Hon. Col. Sec.

To members of Ex. Co. to see

McH
Ag. Gov.
4. 8. 33

Hon. Treasurer. Auth for Col Treas

Hon. P. Sec.

S. 8. 33
J.E.M. 10. 8. 33

~~Hon. G. Roberts~~ C.M.C. 9. 8. 33.

to see.

C.D.J.
for S.C.S.
4/8/33.

P.A.
10/8/33.

Hon. Treasurer,

You have asked to see this paper. Any further expenditure in this connection could, I think, be charged to Appendix I. & misc.

C.D.J.
for S.C.S.
4/8/33.

Hon. Col. Sec.

a charge of £4-14-0 appears in Ch's Nov 1933 app - in connection with the presentation of inscribed cigarette box to Bristol.

as suggested above, this has been brought to account under app I. & misc.

Auth for Col Treas

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P.A.
27/1/34

(1314) Cuttings from 'Western Daily Press & Bristol Mirror 2/12/33

~~P.A.
19/2/34.~~

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23rd December, 1932



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Dear Sir James,

The enclosed newspaper cutting from to-day's paper explains itself. In your letter to me of the 6th August, you mentioned the approaching Centenary and some of us here in Bristol thought that it would be a happy occasion to make a small gift to Government House that would express Centenary goodwill and also make a lasting record there of the Governor who came from Bristol.

This is of course advance information to you but now that there has been newspaper publicity about the event, I have thought it best to write you this private note lest someone else might casually write from Bristol, mentioning what they have read or seen of the matter and set you wondering what it all meant.

Direct mail sailings to the Falklands are held up for the moment and no 'next date' is fixed so that we shall probably send these gifts by insured parcel through Montevideo. I have ascertained from the Colonial Office that your fortnight's festivities are the middle fortnight of February and I very much hope that the gift will get to you in time.

Not only has the whole of this very beautiful silver work been made in Bristol but the hand-carved dolphins which support the swing ball lighters are the work of an old Bristol carver who was occupied upon this task for a very long period. These lighters are a little unusual but I think that you have probably seen something similar in use. I have occasionally seen such things mounted on antelope horns or such similar handles passing

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round a Mess table from hand to hand when lighting up after the Loyal toast. Methylated spirit is used for them. The form of the gift is not inappropriate remembering that tobacco is a dominant industry of this city and one wanted to give something which was useful rather than merely ornamental and which could be of service both to yourself and your successors at Port Stanley.

Those individuals and representative bodies that I have approached in connection with this matter all received the project with pleasure and enthusiasm and we hope it will help to make a friendly little link between the Falklands and this city. It is of special interest to Bristolians that both the Governor and the Bishop of the Falkland Islands should be so intimately connected with Bristol.

As mentioned above, this letter is for your private information pending the receipt of the official communication which the Lord Mayor will be sending to you when the parcel is posted.

I have also another purpose in this personal communication as I have a suggestion to make for your kind consideration which might add a very happy finishing touch to the exchange of good wishes between the city and the Colony at the present moment. If it is possible for you to get a chunk of old timber from the hulk of the "Great Britain" in Port Stanley harbour, I would suggest that this might be made into an oak cigarette box which could bear a small silver plate giving its origin, etc. and date of presentation. If such a little gift were sent by you for the Lord Mayor's room at the Council House, I believe it would be tremendously appreciated and would have great sentimental value not only because of the present exchange but in recalling a still older connection with the city. This suggestion of mine is absolutely a personal one and I need hardly say that it has not been mentioned by me to the Lord Mayor or anyone else. It is just a thought of mine that may appeal to you.

In conclusion I would like to send you my own heartiest wishes for the New Year and for the real success of the forthcoming Centenary celebrations.

Yours sincerely,

Ernest W. Tennant

Sir James O'Grady K.C.M.G.
Government House,
Port Stanley.

LINK WITH FALKLAND ISLANDS

BRISTOL PRESENTATION OF SILVER TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE

IN May of last year Sir James O'Grady, the Bristol boy who had risen to the dignity of Governor of Tasmania and later to that of being Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Falkland Islands, the Empire's most southern colony, was entertained at a luncheon given in his honour by the Bristol branch of the Royal Empire Society.

The Lord Mayor and Sheriff of the city, with local members of Parliament and other representative citizens, took that opportunity of expressing to him Bristol's good wishes in his new appointment.

In February next the Falkland Islands are celebrating the centenary of the Colony, and the sheep farmers and other scattered residents of the various islands are assembling at Port Stanley, the capital, to do honour to the occasion.

SILVER GIFTS

A group of Bristol citizens have decided to mark the event by presenting a gift to Government House, Port Stanley. This has taken the form of a large and handsome cigar box in solid silver, with a cigarette box to match, and a pair of silver ball swing lighters mounted on carved dolphin stands.

The arms of Bristol and the Falklands appear in enamel upon both boxes, and the city arms are also engraved upon each of the swing lighters. Under the hall marks on each article appear the words "Bristol silverware." The feet of each box are represented by silver dolphins, and the fronts bear the inscription:—

"Presented by Bristol citizens to Government House, Port Stanley, on the occasion of the Falkland Islands Centenary Celebrations, 1933, during the Governorship of Sir James O'Grady, K.C.M.G., born in Bristol in 1866, a member of Bristol City Council 1897-1899."

PRESENTATION BY MAIL

The presentation will be made by mail early in January, and will be accompanied by a cordial message of good wishes to the Colony from the Lord Mayor of Bristol, Councillor T. J. Wise.

There has been no public appeal for subscriptions in connection with this presentation but a large number of the members of the City Council have contributed, as have also such representative bodies as the Royal Empire Society, the Chamber of Commerce, the Bristol Development Board, and others. Individual subscriptions include the Lord Mayor and the Bishop of Clifton.

There is still a small balance of cost to be raised, and any interested citizens who wish to be associated with this gift are invited to send a contribution to Colonel E. W. Lennard, care of the Royal Empire Society, Clifton.

The set is at present at the Council House for the inspection of members of the City Council, and it is hoped also to arrange for a brief public display elsewhere in the city before despatch.

This fine example of the silversmiths' craft was supplied by Messrs. Pleasance and Harper, Ltd., 4, Wine Street, Bristol.

Made from timber of
Great Britain built Bristol

1843 and presented to the
City of Bristol on the occasion
of the Centenary of the Colony
of the Falkland Islands.

James O'Grady
Born Bristol 1866
founder of Colony



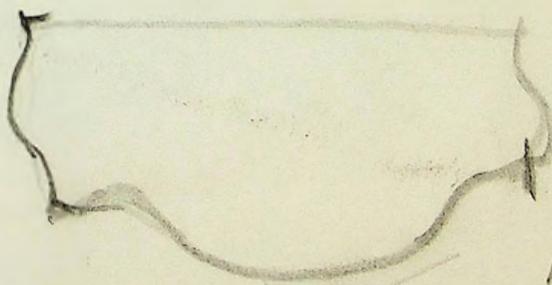
GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Fashioned out of
oak taken for the
" Great Britain " at

Presented to the City of Bristol
By the Government of the
Falkland Islands
on the occasion of the Centenary
of the Colony ¹⁹³³ and
in token of the relations ^{between the} City ^{and}
and the Colony

James G'Grady Governor

B Bristol 1866

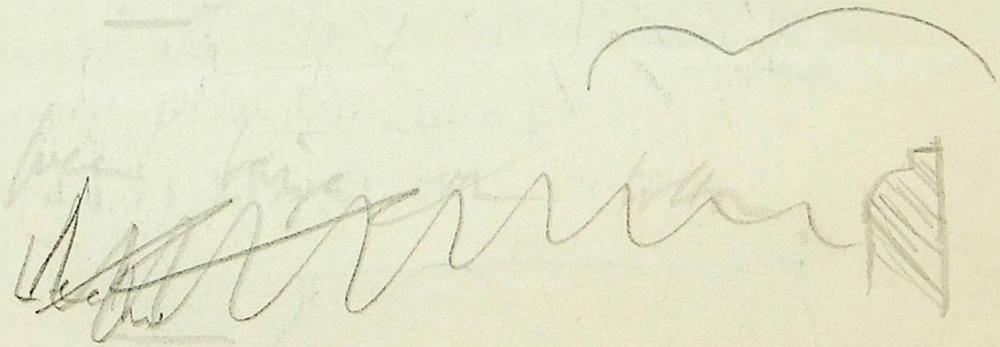


Fashioned out of
oak taken for the
" Great Britain " at

presented to

Serpentine overlay

Nubby edge of
serpentine



Very turned feet

not too large 1/2" depth

1st March, 1933.

Dear Colonel Lennard,

I received through the Lord Mayor the gift of Silver for Government House and the expressions of Centenary goodwill from my fellow Bristolians with gratitude and great joy. It was a fine gesture proving to us at this lonely and isolated outpost of Empire that we are not forgotten.

The gift arrived safe and without blemish by the "Reina del Pacifico" - Pacific Line - on the day - February 12th - when we opened our week of festivities in connection with the Centenary Celebrations. Quite 90 per cent of the total population of the Colony were in Stanley for the "Occasion" and when they heard of the gift and the brotherly message from Bristolians their gratitude was intense.

With pride I have stressed the fact that

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the "Presentation Set" was of Bristol Workmanship and of quality not excelled in any part of the World.

To prove my claim I am having the gift on exhibit in the Art Section of our Museum in Stanley for some months.

It was so thoughtful and kind of all associated with the Gift to so inscribe it that it will remain in Government House as a memorial, in perpetuity, of my Governorship of the Falkland Islands and of the relation of Bristol to the Colony.

I am sending enclosed a copy of our quaint daily newspaper, "The Penguin", recording the story of the gift and the gracious and kindly message to the people of the Colony.

You will note the reference to a gift from a block of timber out of the "Great Britain" in the form of a "Cigarette Box" for the Lord Mayor's Parlour in the Council House.

Our Centenary Celebration was a complete
success/

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success. Thanks so much for your hearty good wishes to myself in the New Year.

Yours Sincerely,

Governor and Commander-in-Chief
of the Falkland Islands.

The Council House, Bristol.

2nd January 1933

Dear Sir James,

On behalf of a body of Bristol citizens, it is my pleasure as Lord Mayor of the city, to convey to the Colony of which you are Governor, greetings and congratulations upon the occasion of its Centenary Celebrations.

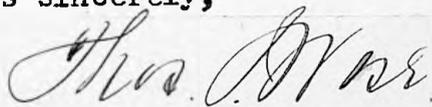
As a tangible expression of our goodwill, we are forwarding by insured parcels post and by the present outgoing mail, a silver Smoking Set for use at Government House, Port Stanley. This consists of a cigar box, cigarette box and a pair of lighters, all made by Bristol craftsmen in distinctive style. The inscriptions emphasise the occasion of the Centenary and also record your own Governorship of the Colony.

This Presentation Set has been subscribed to by many local bodies and societies and by many interested individuals including present day City Councillors of all parties. I hope that it will prove useful both to yourself and to your successors at Government House.

Bristol values the links that exist between herself and the Empire's most southern Colony. The remains of a famous Bristol-built ship lie in Port Stanley Harbour and both the Lord Bishop of the Falklands and yourself as Governor and Commander-in-Chief have most intimate connections with Bristol. The personal greetings which this letter conveys to yourself extend also to the Lord Bishop whom so many Bristolians still remember with great affection.

I conclude with the hope that the Centenary celebrations of next month will be fortunate and happy and with the assurance that the small commemorative gift that we are sending expresses the real interest and goodwill of the many citizens of Bristol concerned with it.

I am, dear Sir James,
Yours sincerely,



Lord Mayor.

His Excellency Sir James O'Grady, K.C.M.G.,
Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the
Falkland Islands,
PORT STANLEY.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY.

14th March, 1933.

FAIKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 42.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose a copy of a letter from the Lord Mayor of Bristol from which you will see that certain bodies and societies as well as individuals in that city have subscribed to present, on the occasion of the Centenary of the Colony, a silver Smoking Set for use at Government House, Stanley, in token of their interest and goodwill.

In duplicate.

2. I am sure that you will share my feelings of pride and pleasure at this distinctive presentation and like myself will be much moved by the warmth of the greetings which accompany it. I need scarcely say that the Smoking Set is exceedingly handsome and of exceptional design and workmanship.

3. I have expressed to the Lord Mayor on behalf of the Colony a grateful appreciation of this generous action on the part of the citizens of my own native town and I am arranging for a gift to be made and sent to the Lord Mayor for use in the Council House, Bristol, in the form of a cigarette box fashioned out of timber from the Bristol built "Great Britain", suitably inscribed and carved with a representation of the vessel as she rides at present a hulk in Stanley harbour.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient
humble servant,

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
SIR PHILIP GUNLIFFE-LISTER,
G.B.E., P.C., M.C., M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

JAMES O'GRADY

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1st March, 1933.

My dear Lord Mayor,

The splendid gift of a silver Smoking Set from the people of my Native Town to the Colony is indeed a fine gesture proving a brotherhood of Empire. The gift arrived by the "Reina del Pacifico" February 12th safe and without blemish. It was the day commencing our week's festivities celebrating the Centenary of the Colony as a British Possession.

The gift together with your greetings and congratulations were received by the people of the Colony - 90 per cent of whom were assembled in Stanley for the Celebration - with deep gratitude and enthusiasm.

At this lonely and isolated outpost of Empire we sometimes think we are forgotten. The gift/

gift and greetings prove it is not so.

I cannot find words to express personal thanks for the inscription of the "Presentation Set".

The Lord Bishop of the Falklands was my guest at Government House during our Centenary Celebration and was much affected by your reference to him, and his work while in Bristol. His Lordship requests that I shall convey his gratitude to the many Bristolians who were associated with the kindly message.

I am having the gift, on exhibit, for some months in the Art section of our Museum in Stanley as I am sure the general public will like to see it.

I am sending a copy of "The Penguin" - our quaint Daily Newspaper - recording the gracious and generous act of my fellow Bristolians.

Yours very Sincerely,

Governor and Commander-in-Chief
of the Falkland Islands.

62/33.

21st April,

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Gentlemen,

I am directed to inform you that on the occasion of the Centenary of the Colony this Government has received a presentation of a silver Smoking Set from certain citizens of Bristol and is giving in return a cigarette box made of timber from the "Great Britain" for use in the Lord Mayor's parlour.

2. I am to explain that the cigarette box is being fashioned locally but will require to be finished in the United Kingdom with a carved representation of the "Great Britain" on the lid and a silver plate on the front.

3. I am also to say that I am proceeding shortly on leave to the United Kingdom and shall arrange personally for the carving and plate.

4. I am to request you on receipt to settle, as a charge against the funds of this Government, the account for the expenditure which will be incurred in this connection.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,


Colonial Secretary.

The Crown Agents for the Colonies,
4, Millbank, Westminster,
LONDON, S.W. 1.

62/33.

8th May, 33.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to express to you His Excellency's thanks for and appreciation of the skill shewn and the trouble taken by you in the fashioning of the cigarette box from timber of the "Great Britain" for presentation on behalf of the Colony to the City of Bristol.

2. I am to add that in recognition of your services in this connection His Excellency has been pleased to approve the payment to you of an honorarium in the sum of 23. 3s. 0d.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Colonial Secretary.

Mr. R. H. Hannaford,
STANLEY.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Downing Street,

No. 49

8 June, 1933.



Sir,

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I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No.42 of the 14th of March, in which you inform me of the presentation by the Lord Mayor of Bristol of a silver smoking set for use at Government House, Stanley.

2. I am gratified to hear of this gift to the Colony.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

(Sd) P. CUNLIFFE-LISTER.

GOVERNOR

SIR JAMES O'GRADY, K.C.M.G.

etc., etc., etc.

URDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1933.

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PRESENTATION — Mr. J. Ellis, Colonial Secretary to Sir James O'Grady, the Bristol-born Governor of the Falkland Islands, presenting a cigarette casket to the Lord Mayor of Bristol at the Council House, Bristol, yesterday.

BINDING CLOSER BRISTOL AND THE FALKLANDS.

Presentation at the Council House.

ALREADY MANY LINKS.

A further link was forged yesterday between Bristol and the Falkland Islands, the most southerly outpost of the British Empire, when a significant ceremony took place at the Council House.

Sir James O'Grady, the Bristol-born Governor of the Isles, was represented by Mr J. Ellis, his Colonial Secretary, who presented to the Lord Mayor (Councillor F. C. Luke) a cigarette casket as a token of greetings from the people of the Islands.

The casket was made to Sir James O'Grady's own design and from the original oak timbers of the "Great Britain," which was the finest ship afloat when she left the Bristol dockyards in 1843, and which now has found a last resting place in Port Stanley Harbour, into which it limped after being wrecked rounding the Horn in 1886.

The presentation took place in the Council Chamber, and the Lord Mayor, who presided, recalled that Sir James O'Grady was made Governor of the Islands in May, 1931, and in February of this year representative Bristol citizens, through the then Lord Mayor (Councillor T. J. Wise), sent him a handsome Bristol silver smoking set for use at Government House, Port Stanley. The gift expressed Bristol's greetings on the occasion of the Colony's centenary celebrations.

The City Swordbearer (Mr A. H. Woodward) read a letter of sympathy with the occasion, written to Colonel E. W. Lennard from the Bishop of the Falkland Islands, the Rt. Rev. N. S. de Jersey, who is at present in a Clifton nursing home.

MORE BRISTOL LINKS.

Mr Ellis then made the presentation to the Lord Mayor, on behalf of the Governor of Falkland Islands. He mentioned that when he saw Sir James in London recently his health was improving so that he hoped soon to return to duty.

He told how deeply touched were the islanders 8,000 miles away to realise Bristol's interest in their activities, and spoke of the links which existed between the two places. Apart from the Bristol origin of the Governor, the Bishop, and the "Great Britain," it was noteworthy that Stoker Petty Officer Headford, who was left in charge of a picket boat after the Battle of the Falkland Islands, and still held a responsible post there, was a Bristol man and a keen "follower" of the Rovers, while the Government House gardener, Parkinson, was born in Montpelier.

The cigarette casket was of serpentine design, and the silver plate was inscribed: "Made out of timber taken from the 'Great Britain' and presented to the City of Bristol by the Governor of the Falkland Islands on the occasion of the Centenary of the Colony, 1933."

LORD MAYOR'S THANKS.

The Lord Mayor, in expressing his and the City's appreciation of the gift, said he hoped it would be handed down to successive lord mayors. They all felt they had done something to forge more strongly the links between England and the far-flung outposts of the Empire.

Among those who were present at the ceremony, besides those who took part, were the Lady Mayoress, the Sheriff (Mr F. S. Philpott), Councillor and Mrs T. J. Wise (ex-Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress), Lady Cook, Colonel E. W. Lennard (President of the Royal Empire Society), Mr E. J. Taylor (Chairman of the Development Board), Mr H. B. Stone (President of the Chamber of Commerce), and many well-known citizens and members of the Corporation.