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To Royal Infant Orphanage

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31 Aug 33.

"Boundary children passage not yet arranged see tel. 1/2"

Mr. Wooding (Secretary of the R.I. Orphanage) has called twice this week, bringing with him on the second occasion (yesterday evening) Mrs. Stearns, the mother of the two children Mrs. S., who is returning to Kenya by the Klamoury Castle today, gave us emphatically to understand that she has every intention of remaining in loco parentis to the children, and will undertake the various liabilities (responsibility for holidays and for ultimate disposal when they leave) which the Orphanage authorities want. It was agreed that efforts should now be made for the children to leave Kenya in December & to be admitted to Wandstead at the beginning of January next.

Mr. Wooding will write a letter setting out the Orphanage's requirements, in the attached cover, which I undertook to send out to O.A.C. by next week's Air Mail.

Pp. to me in colour when his letter arrives.

Abstract 7/9 1/33

15 Royal Infantry Discharge - 7 Sept. 33
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(noting arrival at 21)

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(noting arrival at 21)

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(noting arrival at 21)

Admission
28 Oct

25 To fourth left of discharge 21/11/24 1933
(noting arrival at 21)

Tullahoma: 15/11

26. Royal Infant Orphanage _____ 15 Jan 34
States that Noel & Patricia Hamilton Budgey arrived
at the school on 12th Jan. Returns certs. in relation to
the admission of the children.

Copy to Gov. L.F. (with original envelopes
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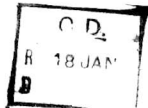
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[Handwritten signature]

19 Jan. '34

Hi,

I am directed to ask, with

thanks, the receipt of your

(26) letter of the 15th of January, and

to inform you that a copy is

being sent to the Hon. of

Kenya, together with the

documents enclosed in your

letter.

Signed J. E. W FLOOD

DRAFT.

The Secretary,
 Royal Infant Asylum,
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regarding the
 children of the
 late Mr. F.
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[Handwritten note]
 copy to my self.
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FURTHER ACTION.

Copy to Kenya (2-8)

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TELEPHONE WANSTEAD 2182

STATION: SNARESBROOK.

Royal Infant Orphanage, Wanstead.

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FREDERICK WOODING,
Secretary

Our 107th Year.

WANSTEAD, E.11.

Check (27)

Your ref. 3077/33

RECEIVED
15 JAN 1934
C. O. REGY

15th January, 1934.

P.C.

Dear Sir,

I now have pleasure to inform you that Noel and Patricia Hamilton Birdsey arrived at the School on Friday morning, 12th inst.. You will be pleased to know that they have been passed by our Medical Officer and have settled down in the School quite happily.

The children were brought to the School by a Mrs. Sheridan, the wife of Mrs. Stevenson's brother, who is living in England, and you will be pleased to know that she has expressed the desire to keep in touch with the children, in addition to Mrs. Hulatt, who has been nominated by the Mother to look after the children.

As you forwarded me the necessary certificates in relation to the admission of the children, I am returning the same to you, having had the necessary extracts taken for our records.

Yours faithfully,

F. Wooding

SECRETARY.

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

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THE SECRETARY,
ROYAL INFANT ORGANIZATION,
WANSBREAD.

With reference to the letter from this Department of the 12th of September, I am etc. to forward the enclosed completed forms relative to the admission to the Royal Infant Organisation of the children of the late Mr. F. Hamilton Birdsey, of Nairobi, which have now been received from the Acting Governor of Kenya. It will be observed that the forms of agreement for removal have been signed by Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson, and a further undertaking to remove the children in the event of their expulsion

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FURTHER ACTION

10/11/57

expulsion from the Orphanage under

Rule 29 ^{has been} signed by Mr. Moore on behalf

of the Government of the Colony, ~~are~~

also enclosed.

2. The Acting Governor reports
that accommodation for the two children

has been reserved on the s.s. "Madaya",

due to leave Mombasa on the 16th of

December, and ^{that} adequate arrangements will

be made for their care during the

voyage.

and to arrive in Till
on the 1st of January

3. Mr. Moore has requested that a
renewed expression of the thanks of the

Kenya Government may be conveyed to you

for the ^{and helpful} generous attitude which has been

adopted by the Orphanage Authorities

throughout the negotiations.

Yours etc.

(Signed) J. E. W. FLOOR

AIR MAIL

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
KENYA

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November, 1933.

Sir,

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With reference to your Air Mail despatch No. 70 of the 12th September regarding the children of the late Mr. F. Hamilton Birdsey, I have the honour to enclose, for transmission to the Orphanage Authorities, the completed forms of particulars and of agreement for removal referred to in the enclosure in your despatch No. 452 of the 20th June.

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2. As advised in Mr. Wooding's letter of the 7th September, the forms of agreement for removal have been signed by Mr. [redacted] Mrs. Steenson, and further undertakings to remove the children in the event of their expulsion from the Orphanage under Rule 29, signed by myself on behalf of this Government, are also enclosed.

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3. Accommodation for the two children has been reserved on the s.s. "Madura" scheduled to leave Mombasa on the 16th December and adequate arrangements will be made for their care during the voyage.

Small copy for Dept of the Orphanage

4. The attitude which has been adopted by the Orphanage Authorities throughout these negotiations is much appreciated and I shall be glad if an expression of this Government's thanks can be conveyed to the Secretary.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

H. H. Wooding

ACTING GOVERNOR.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
MAJOR SIR PHILIP GUNLETT-LISTER, P.C., G.B.E., M.C., M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET,
LONDON, S.W.

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The Secretariat,
Nairobi,
Kenya Colony.

3rd November, 1933.

Dear Freeston,

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Thank you for your letter of the 12th September. I wish Mrs. Stevenson had taken as much trouble over her wretched children as she seems to have taken to explain her dread of Kenya departmentalism to you. You waste your sympathy on her; this is the most unbureaucratic of Governments and she has caused us much trouble.

A despatch goes by the next Air Mail expressing gratitude to Wooding for all that he has done for these children.

Parents in this country defeat me. We have a case of well-to-do casuals who have gone home just leaving three nice children; and another case of a father divorcing his wife, leaving his seven children with a lady who has no money even to feed them, decamping and the real mother refusing to do anything!

I hope all goes well with all of you.

Yours sincerely,



L.B. Freeston, Esq., O.B.E.,
The Colonial Office,
Downing Street,
London, S.W. 1

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Mr. *Frederick S/g f.*

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Sir

No 176

W ref: to your let³ of the
31st of August and previous
correspondence regarding the
children of the late Mr. &
Hamilton Birney; I have re.
to inform you that Mrs. Stevenson,
the mother of the children,
called at the Colonial Office
in company with the
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which ensued it became
clear that Mrs. Stevenson
is anxious to fulfill her

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and aware of reasons to the contrary,
effect should be given to the
proposed arrangements outlined in
Dr. Wooding's letter.

(Sgd.) P. CONLIFFE-LISTER.

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The Secretary
Royal Infant Orphanage,
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The recd of your letter of the
7th of September regarding the
admission to the Royal Infant
Orphanage of the children of
the late Mr. J. Hamilton Baskin
of Nairn, Berge.

2. A copy of your letter
is being forwarded to the
Action Committee of the Colony
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continuation of its efforts to give to

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for the care and benefit, which

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with this case and direct me

to your valuable

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Signed: E. W. FLOOD

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C. S. Tunson Barton Esq. OBE.

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I, Sir Barton

A dispatch you
by this day mail about the
unfortunate Berkeley children,
and I venture to commend it
to your care. Mr. Stevenson
seemed to be very much afraid
the (no doubt without reason)
that the ball would be passed
between the Secretariat, the
Education Dept., the Dean &
half-a-dozen other authorities,
& that she would find no
one in ^{official circles} Mandrin ready to
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the business. I ventured to reassure
her by saying that I would write
personally to someone in authority who
could ensure that her ^{children's} interests did
not become an inter departmental
shuttlecock.

It would be a real kindness
if you could summon her, on her
arrival, to your presence & place her
in touch with whomever will be
handling the business.

Wooding, the Secretary of the
Orphanage, has taken a ^{vast amount} ~~great deal~~
of superogatory trouble over the case,
and the children already owe him
a good deal.

I hope that all goes well with
you, and will go even better at
an early date!

Yours sincerely

(Signed) L. B. FREESTON

C. O.

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Mr. *Franklin D. Roosevelt*

Kenya

Codes sent
11.15 am
9/9/46

Mr. Parkinson.

Mr. Tomlinson.

Sir C. Bottomley.

Sir J. Shuckburgh.

Permt. U.S. of S.

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Secretary of State.



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No. 194 Your lit. 31

Aug. 176. Despatch
follows by next air mail.
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TELEPHONE WANSTEAD 2182

STATION, SNARESBROOK

Royal Infant Orphanage, Wanstead.

FREDERICK WOODING,
Secretary.

Our 107th Year.

WANSTEAD, E.11.

7th September, 1933.

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

Your Ref. 3077/33.

Dear Sir,

With reference to the admission of the two children of the late Mr. F. Hamilton Birdsey and to my interview with your department, when I was accompanied by Mrs. Stevenson the Mother of the two children, I write to confirm what was then arranged - i.e., that if the form of Agreement, forwarded to the Governor of Kenya, is signed by the Governor and by Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson, that this would be sufficient for the purpose of arranging for the admission of the children.

Mrs. Stevenson informed me that she was desirous of accepting the responsibility of receiving the children when the time arrives for them to leave the Orphanage, and that her husband would also join in this responsibility, so that all that would be required in addition to these undertakings, would be that of the acting Governor of Kenya, for the removal in the event of expulsion.

Mrs. Stevenson informed me that she proposes making arrangements with Mrs. Hulett of 66, Thurlow Park Road, Dulwich, S.E., to be responsible on her behalf for the children on their arrival in this country, and Mrs. Hulett will visit the children and provide them with tuck money etc., and arrange for their holidays.

I understand that Mrs. Stevenson is returning to Kenya today, and is very anxious that the children should not leave until her arrival, and I am quite prepared to arrange for the children's admission at any time when it can be found convenient to send them, but suggest that it would be best from a School point of view, if they could arrive here about the middle of January next.

I enclose as arranged duplicates of the forms of Agreement and forms of particulars which are already in the possession of the Governor of Kenya.

Yours faithfully,

F. Wooding

SECRETARY.

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copy to Kenya (19)

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Royal Infant Orphanage,

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WANSTEAD.

THE SECRETARY requests the favour of your kindly supplying the following information, and returning this Paper to the Office as early as convenient. The proposed Sureties should be persons *not advanced in life*, and whose respectability can be readily ascertained; this caution is not only essential for the Institution, but it affords an additional guarantee for the Child's protection when its time at the Orphanage shall have expired.

OFFICE, AT THE INSTITUTION.

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1. Name of Child.	<i>Patricia Christobel Birdsey</i>
2. Date of Birth.	
<p>3. Has the Child been Vaccinated? Has it had Scarlet Fever?</p> <p><i>Measles?</i> <i>German Measles?</i> <i>Whooping Cough?</i> <i>Mumps?</i> <i>Diphtheria?</i> <i>Chicken Pox?</i> <i>Ringworm?</i></p>	
<p>4. Has the Child suffered from—</p> <p><i>Discharging Ears?</i> <i>Acute Rheumatism?</i> <i>Asthma?</i> <i>Pneumonia?</i> <i>Fits?</i> <i>Nephritis?</i></p> <p><i>Has the Child ever had any Surgical Operation, either major or minor?</i></p>	
5. Is it now in perfect health?	
<p>6. Who are the persons proposed as Sureties for the Child's removal?</p> <p><i>(These must be three respectable Householders; state their Christian and Surnames; also their Residences and Occupation; and if related to the Child. If females they must be either Spinners or Widows.—When these persons have been approved by the Committee, an arrangement will be made for obtaining their signatures to the undertaking required.)</i></p>	
7. Name and address of some Relative or Friend, to be communicated with in the event of the Child's illness. The Mother, if surviving, is of course preferred, and her address should be supplied.	

FORM OF ENGAGEMENT.

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To the President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, and Governors of the Royal Infant Orphanage.

I (Names in full)

of (Address)

(Occupation)

and I (Names in full)

of (Address)

(Occupation)

and I (Names in full)

of (Address)

(Occupation)

do hereby jointly and severally engage to remove

Patricia Christobel

Birdsey

from the Orphanage on the completion of the period for which is now to be admitted, or at such earlier period as may be appointed by a Resolution of the Committee of the Institution passed under Rules 27, 28, or 29, referred to below, on receiving notice to that effect and without expense to the Charity.

Witness our hands this _____ day of _____

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Witness—

Signature of Surety

Name

Address

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Signature of Surety

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Witness—

Signature of Surety

Name

Address

RULE 27—Provides that where the admission of a child has been procured by false representations or its election has been promoted by the purchase or sale of Votes of the Subscribers, the election shall be declared void and the child removed.

RULE 28—Provides for the removal of the child on the re-marriage of the mother unless the Committee shall determine otherwise.

RULE 29—Provides for the right of the Committee in extreme cases to compel the removal of a child whose retention will be detrimental to the welfare of the other children.

Royal Infant Orphanage.

WANSTEAD, E. 11.

AGREEMENT

for the removal of the Child

Patricia C. Budecy

Admitted

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Term completed

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Folio in Admission Book

Royal Infant Orphanage,

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WANSTEAD.

THE SECRETARY requests the favour of your kindly supplying the following information, and returning this Paper to the Office as early as convenient. The proposed Sureties should be persons not adjoined in life, and whose respectability can be readily ascertained; this precaution is not only essential for the Institution, but it affords an additional guarantee for the Child's protection when its time at the Orphanage shall have expired.

OFFICE, AT THE INSTITUTION.

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1. Name of Child. Noel Warrington Birdsey
2. Date of Birth _____
3. Has the Child been Vaccinated?
Has it had Scarlet Fever?
Measles?
German Measles?
Whooping Cough?
Mumps?
Diphtheria?
Chicken Pox?
Ringworm?
4. Has the Child suffered from
Discharging Ears?
Acute Rheumatism?
Asthma?
Pneumonia?
Fits?
Nephritis?
Has the Child ever had any Surgical Operation, either major or minor?
5. Is it now in perfect health?
6. Who are the persons proposed as Sureties for the Child's removal?
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FORM OF ENGAGEMENT.

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To the President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, and Governors of the Royal Infant Orphanage.

I (Names in full) _____

of (Address) _____

(Occupation) _____

and I (Names in full) _____

of (Address) _____

(Occupation) _____

and I (Names in full) _____

of (Address) _____

(Occupation) _____

do hereby jointly and severally engage to remove Noel Warrington

Birdsey
from the Orphanage on the completion of the period for which is now to be admitted, or at such earlier period as may be appointed by a Resolution of the Committee of the Institution passed under Rules 27, 28, or 29, referred to below, on receiving notice to that effect and without expense to the Charity.

Witness our hands this _____ day of _____ 193 _____

Witness—

Signature of Surety

Name _____

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Royal Infant Orphanage,

WANSTEAD, E. 11.

AGREEMENT

for the removal of the Child

Noel W. Birdsey

Admitted _____ 19

Term completed _____ 19

Folio in Admission Book _____

GENERAL REGULATIONS.

Children are allowed vacations at Easter, Midsummer and Christmas, the Midsummer Vacation being compulsory.

No child removed by its friends from the Orphanage, except under the circumstances above stated, can, on any consideration whatever, be readmitted.

The Officers and servants of the Orphanage are strictly forbidden to receive fees or presents from the friends of the children, tradesmen, or others; a violation of this Rule would subject the person offending to instant dismissal.

The Orphanage may be inspected any day by arrangement, and communications in this respect should be addressed to the Secretary.

Letters may be addressed to the children personally, and in the case of very young children unable to read, the Nurse or Teacher will read the letters to them. Relatives or friends wishing to receive letters from the children should see that the children possess the necessary stamped addressed envelopes, or stamps and stationery. Where the children cannot compose their own letters, these will be dictated to them. Elder children have special time allotted for writing home, and every facility is provided to enable them to do so.

There is a compulsory contribution of 1/6 per term in respect of each child in the School (except Nursery children), being 6d. for Chapel Fund, 6d. for Library Fund and 6d. for Sports Fund. This contribution is payable at the beginning of each term and a "Tuck Money" paper is sent to each Mother or Guardian for this purpose. Any pocket money for the children should be included on this form and forwarded with the compulsory payment referred to.

The children's pocket money is, except in special cases, deposited with the teachers, who act as bankers for the time being, and allow the children reasonable withdrawals as and when desired. A School "Tuck Shop" is provided and it is suggested that every child should have at least 1d. a week to spend. The children are not allowed to receive unwholesome food injudiciously given by their friends.

There is a National Savings Association to which all children are invited to join.

In the case of children doing wilful damage to School Property, a letter will be sent to the relative or guardian of the child, calling their attention to the same and asking that the cost be refunded.

Children are provided with all necessary clothing and no private clothing is allowed to be worn, the clothing in which a child is admitted may be taken away at the first subsequent visit.

VISITING REGULATIONS.

The children may be visited on the first Saturday in every month between the hours of 2.30 and 5 p.m. Written application for visiting cards should arrive at the Office not later than the Thursday before the Saturday on which the card is to be used, and a stamped envelope enclosed. It is expected that the same child will not be visited more frequently than once in two months, unless it is under 4 years of age.

The attention due to the education and care of the children renders it indispensable to limit visitors to the day and hour specified. No deviation can therefore be permitted.

Notification is sent to Mothers or relatives in the case of serious illness, and children pronounced by the Medical Officer to be seriously ill, may be visited at any reasonable time, on producing an official letter certifying the fact.

The address of the child's nearest relative or friend must always be left with the Matron, to enable her to give information in case of illness, and should also be registered at the Office.

It is essential that no person enters the Orphanage who has contagious disease in his or her family.

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31 AUG 1933
C. G. G. I.

Telegram from the Officer Administering the Government of Kenya to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

(dated 31st. August. Received 31st. August at 11-19 a.m.)

*Answer Sec. (16)
1/11/33
Wm. Arnold (19)*

No. 176.

Your despatch of the 22nd. August No. 625.

Birdsey children passage not yet arranged see my

No 12 telegram No. 172.

C. O.

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Mr. Grossmith 24/8/33.

Mr. *Chill*

Mr.

Mr. Parkinson

Mr. Tomlinson

Sir C. Bottomley

Sir J. Shuckburgh

Perma. U.S. of S.

Parly. U.S. of S.

Secretary of State

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See No 15

31 August, 1933.

Sir,

Dear
I have etc. to refer to

the letter from this Department

of the 17th of June, regarding

the admission of the children

of the late Mr. F. Hamilton

Birdsey to the Royal Infant

Orphanage, and to inform you

that a telegram has been received

from the Acting Governor of Kenya

in which he refers to the forms

of agreement for ^{the} removal of the

children, and states that he is

prepared to accept responsibility

for their removal in the event

of expulsion and that the Dean of

Nairobi will accept personal

limited liability of £50 for

their

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THE SECRETARY,

ROYAL INFANT ORPHANAGE.

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FURTHER ACTION.

their removal after the normal period of residence. The Acting Governor is unaware of any person who will accept unlimited financial responsibility for the children on leaving the orphanage.

2. Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister will be glad to be informed whether, in the circumstances, your Committee are prepared to accept the above undertakings.

3. ^{*(Letter letter held)*}
~~The favour of~~ An early reply will be appreciated.

I am, etc.,

(Signed) J. E. W. FLOOD

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1933
C. O. 1234

Telegram from the Acting Governor Kenya to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Dated 23rd August 1933. Received at 3-4pm 23rd August 1933.

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No 172.)

Your despatch of 20th June No 452 Birdsey children enclosures show that authorities require written undertaking to remove the children on completion of period for which admitted or if presence considered detrimental to the welfare of other children. I am prepared to accept responsibility for removal in the event of expulsion and the Dean of Nairobi will accept personal limited liability of £50 for removal after normal period of residence.

I am unaware that any person will accept an unlimited financial responsibility for children on leaving orphanage and if authorities are not prepared to accept above undertaking I should be glad to know whether any charitable institution in England would undertake responsibility.

C. O.

Mr. *Prosser* 18/8/33
Mr. *Chase* 18/8/33
Mr.

Mr. Parkinson.

Mr. Tomlinson.

Sir C. Bottomley.

Sir J. Shuckburgh.

Permt. U.S. of S.

Parly. U.S. of S.

Secretary of State.

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The Air Mail 22 August

22 August, 1933

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No. 625.

Si.

I have etc to refer to
my despatch No 482 of
the 20th June and to
enquire whether passages
to England have now
been arranged for the
two children of the
late Mr J. Hamilton
Birdsey, who have
been nominated for
admission to the
Royal Infant Orphanage,
Wandsworth.

2. I shall be ^{grateful} if you
~~will~~ will reply to this despatch
by telegram.

(Sgd.) P. GUNLIFFE-LISTER.

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C. O.

Mr. Grossmith

Mr. *Freeston* 16/6

Mr.

Mr. Parkinson.

Mr. Tamlinson.

Sir C. Bottomley.

Sir J. Shuckburgh.

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Parly. U.S. of S.

Secretary of State.

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17 June, 1933

Sir,

DRAFT.

THE SECRETARY,
ROYAL INFANT ORPHANAGE,
WANSTEAD.

(P)

I am etc. to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter of the 13th of June regarding the dates for the admission of the two children of the late Mr. F. Hamilton Birdsey to the Royal Infant Orphanage, and to inform you that a copy of your letter, together with the forms of particulars regarding the children and the forms of agreement for removal, are being forwarded to the O.A.G., Kenya, for his consideration.

(10) for 2/1/33

I am etc.

(Signed) L. B. FREESTON

A copy, with copy of No. 8, enclosures in original, to O.A.G. L.F. for consen. by next air mail - Wednesday, 21st of June.

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TELEPHONE WANSTEAD 2182

STATION SNARESBROOK

Royal Infant Orphanage, Wanstead.

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FREDERICK WOODING,
Secretary.

Our 107th Dear.

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WANSTEAD, E.11.

ACKD. BY P.C.

13th June, 1933.

Your ref. 3077/33

RECEIVED
14 JUN 1933
C. C. [unclear]

Dear Sir,

No 4

I beg to thank you for your letter of the 12th inst. forwarding nomination forms and other documents referred to therein relative to the admission of the two children of the late Mr. F. Hamilton Birdsey, and I will place the nominations before the next Meeting of my Committee, which will be held on the 29th inst.

Our School is in vacation from the 1st August until the 14th September, and I think it would be best for you to make arrangements for the children to be admitted some time after that date.

We shall be admitting new children on Tuesday, 19th September, and Friday, 22nd September, so that either of these two dates will be convenient to us for you to make arrangements for the children's admission, but in view of the difficulties of time and distance, I shall be pleased to make special arrangements to suit your convenience in this respect.

copy of mail in my 5 box (10)

I shall be glad if you will have the enclosed forms of particulars regarding the children duly completed, and also the forms of agreement for removal, which should be completed by some-one who will take an interest in the children, and to whom we could communicate in the case of illness, etc.

If there is any further information that you would like to know, will you kindly let me hear from you.

Yours faithfully,

F. Wooding

SECRETARY.

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

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- Mr. Davies *g/l*
- Mr. Freeman *g/p.*
- Mr.
- Mr. Parkinson.
- Mr. Tomlinson.
- Sir C. Bottomley.
- Sir J. Shuckburgh.
- Permt. U.S. of S.
- Parly. U.S. of S.
- Secretary of State.

3077/33 Kenya.

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Answered by No 6

12 June, 1933.

Sir,

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THE SECRETARY,
THE ROYAL INFANTS ORPHANAGE,
WANSTEAD.

Encls. to No 6 in original

With reference to the letter from this Office of the (5) 28th of February regarding the admission to the Royal Infants Orphanage of the children of the late Mr. F. Hamilton Birdsey, I am etc. to return to you the two nomination forms duly completed, together with ~~the~~ relevant marriage, birth, and baptism certificates. A certificate of Mr. Birdsey's death and photographs of his children are also enclosed.

2. The Colonial Govt.

deeply

deeply appreciate the generous attitude which your Committee has adopted in the matter, and have asked that an expression of their gratitude may be conveyed to you.

3. I am to request you to *be so good as to* notify this Department *when of the date when* arrangements for the children's reception *will be* ~~are~~ completed, in order that steps may ~~then~~ be taken to book their passages from Kenya to this country.

I am, etc.

(Signed) L. B. FREESTON

AIR MAIL

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE
NAIROBI
KENYA

No. 323

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- 6 JUN 1933
C. O. REGY

26th May, 1933.

Sir,

With reference to your Air Mail despatch No.142 of the 28th February on the subject of the maintenance and education of the two children of the late Mr. F. Hamilton Birdsey I have the honour to transmit herewith the two nomination forms duly completed as requested by the Secretary to the Orphanage.

2. Marriage, birth and baptism certificates, together with a certificate of the father's death and photographs of the children as referred to at the foot of the nomination papers are also enclosed.

3. It will be appreciated if you will cause the Orphanage authorities to be informed of this Government's appreciation of their generous attitude.

4. Arrangements for the children's passages will be deferred pending confirmation that arrangements for their reception are complete.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

Ken. Williams

GOVERNOR'S DEPUTY.

THE RT. HONOURABLE
MAJOR SIR PHILIP CUNLIFFE-LISTER, P.C., G.B.E., M.C., M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.1.

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C. O.

Mr. Priestman. 27/2

Mr. ~~Calver~~ 27.2/3

Mr.

Mr. Parkinson.

Mr. Tomlinson.

Sir C. Bottomley.

Sir J. Spuckburgh.

Permi. U.S. of S.

Parly. U.S. of S.

Secretary of State.

DOWNING STREET,

28 February, 1933.

Sir,

I am, etc., to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter of the 24th February on the subject of the admission into the Orphanage of the two children of the late Mr. F. Hamilton Birdsey.

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2. ~~I am to say that~~ Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister desires to express his ^{sincere} appreciation of the sympathetic and generous attitude of your Committee in this case.

3. The nomination forms enclosed with your letter of the 10th February are being sent to the Governor of Kenya for completion.

I am, etc.,

(Signed) J. E. W. FLORE

DRAFT. *Conon*

THE SECRETARY,

INFANT ROYAL ORPHANAGE,

WANSTEAD.

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Mr. Priestman. 27/2 Airmail of 28th Feb.

Mr. *Cross* 27.2/28

DOWNING STREET,

Mr. Parkinson.

28 February, 1933.

Mr. Tomlinson.

Sir C. Bothamley.

Sir J. Shuckburgh.

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Secretary of State.

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Sir,

I have, etc., to acknowledge

(1 in 18345/32)

the receipt of your despatch No. 571

of the 29th November, 1932, on the

subject of the maintenance and

education of the two children of the

late Mr. F. Hamilton Birdsey.

DRAFT. *Cross*

(18345/32)

KENYA

NO. 142

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2. In the circumstances indicated

in your despatch the Royal Infant

Orphanage, Wanstead, appeared to be the

most suitable institution for the

purpose, and the authorities of that

orphanage were accordingly approached

on the subject. I enclose, for your

information, copies of two letters

from the Secretary of the Orphanage

from which it will be observed that

the Committee have agreed to waive

not only the regulation regarding the

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2 Normalisation documents

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Do explain to

(y/24 Feb)

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age limit for the admission of children to their institution but also the annual fees of £65 per annum for each child.

I have informed the authorities of the Orphanage of my appreciation of their sympathetic and generous attitude.

3. Two nomination forms are enclosed for completion in accordance with the request contained in the Secretary's letter of the ~~10th~~⁷ February, and some particulars of the school are also enclosed.

I have, etc.,

(Sgd.) P. CUNLIFFE-LISTER.

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TELEPHONE WANSTEAD 2182

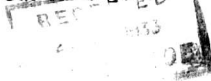
STATION: SNARESBROOK

Royal Infant Orphanage, Wanstead.

FREDERICK WOODING,
Secretary

WANSTEAD, E.11.

Our 107th Dear



Your ref. 18345/32

24th February, 1933.

Dear Sir,

ACKD. BY P.C. P.C.

With further reference to your letter of the 27th ult. relative to the two children of the late Mr. F. Hamilton Birdsey, I had the pleasure of placing the whole matter before my Committee at their Meeting yesterday.

No 2
18345/32

Since my previous letter of the 10th inst. I am glad to say that my Chairman has received further information regarding the matter, and his attention has been called to the bequest of £400 received from the Estate of the late D.J. Orison through the generosity of your Department, and these matters were explained to my Committee. I am therefore very glad to inform you, that as a result of the further information received, my Committee have decided to admit the two children of the late Mr. F. Hamilton Birdsey without charge, feeling sure that this action would be appreciated, not only by your Department, but by the Governor of Kenya, and as a slight gesture of appreciation of the gift received through you.

Not

Will you, therefore, kindly cancel that part of my previous letter referring to the question of payment for the children, and immediately the nomination forms are received back, duly completed, I shall be very pleased indeed to make the necessary arrangements for the children's admission to the School.

Yours faithfully,

F. Wooding

SECRETARY.

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

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Mr. Ayles 15/2/33

Mr. Freelan 15

Mr. Bellamy Flood 15.2 JS

Sir E. Harding

Sir J. Stuckburgh.

Sir G. White.

Sir C. Davis

Sir S. Wilson.

Mr. Ormsby-Gore.

Lord Leamington

Mr. Amery.

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Also for my sig.

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15 FEB 1933

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Conc

H. G. Sear

Very Pleased to goodyear
Empire House
8. St. Martin le Grand
E.C. 1

Dear Sir,

I rang you up this morning and learnt that you would be out of town until Friday so I am ^{writing} ~~writing~~ you this note to say that the Colonial Office have heard from Waverley about the two children from Kenya enquiring whom I spoke to you some little time ago.

To be quite frank, we are rather disappointed to hear that a charge of £65 a year for each child is proposed. Of course we realise that that is no more than

than the actual cost of maintaining them,
but we must not forget like that
Orin request of £400,000
the donation, which the officers
in 1930
has passed on to the school some years

and ~~the~~ might influence the Committee
in the ordinary more favourable terms.

I am afraid that to ask the Kenya Govt
to pay £100 a year for these children's maintenance
is out of the question, and we shall have to look
for try and find some institutes which will take
them for less unless you think there is any
prospect of the Government's proposal
being reconsidered. If you could have a word
with the Chairman ~~at~~ before the Committee
meeting on the 14th and let me know whether
there is such a prospect and, if so, what
line the office should take in replying to
Wooding's letter of the 10th. I shall be
most grateful.

Alternatively, perhaps you could let me
know of some ~~other~~ orphanage or institute which
would be prepared to take the children at a
lower figure. ~~Under the present and other~~

we shall have to approach the

C. O. S.

Finally, may I ask you for an early
reply, as we ~~unavoidable~~ cannot
keep the Government much longer without
a reply to his desk.

Yours sincerely
(Sgt.) A. H. Ayleson

- Mr.
- Mr.
- Mr.
- Mr. Bottom
- Sir E. Harding
- Sir J. Shuckburgh
- Sir G. Grindle
- Sir C. Davis
- Sir S. Wilson
- Mr. Ormsby-Gore
- Lord Lovat
- Mr. Amery

DRAFT.

TELEPHONE: WANSTEAD 2182

STATION: SNARESBROOK

Royal Infant Orphanage, Wanstead.

FREDERICK WOODING,
Secretary.

Our 107th Year.

WANSTEAD, E.11.

Your ref. 18345/32

10th February, 1933.

Dear Sir,

With further reference to your letter of the 27th ult. I have now received a communication from my Chairman, who desires me to point out that the normal age for the admission of children to this Orphanage is from birth up to 7 years, but that he thinks the Committee would be prepared to make an exception as to the age limit and admit the children, subject to the usual formalities being completed and your arranging that payment for the children should be made at the annual cost per child, which is £85 per annum each.

I am therefore taking the liberty of enclosing two nomination forms which should be completed in respect of each child and forwarded to this Orphanage with the certificates and other documents referred to at the foot thereof, and also the two certificates on the back completed.

The next Meeting of my Committee will be on the 24th inst. when the matter will formally be placed before them, but I think you may rest assured that they will agree with the views expressed by my Chairman, and I am therefore sending the forms in order that time may be saved.

I also have pleasure in enclosing some particulars of the School which you may desire to forward to the Governor of Kenya for his information.

I shall be happy to supply you with any further information, should you desire the same.

Yours faithfully,

F. Wooding

SECRETARY.

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

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