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Naval situation, October 1914.

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The Governor explained the Naval situation in South American waters and more particularly ~~how it affected this~~ how this Colony was likely to be affected.

As the Governor in Council has strong reason to know that there is a powerful German Naval Squadron on the West Coast of South America, and as it is possible that it may evade His Majesty's Ships owing to its superior speed and make an attack on this Colony with the object, inter alia, of destroying the Stanley Wireless Station and inflicting a monetary levy &c.,

Council recommend that Heads of families be advised that women and children would probably be safer in the Camps than in Stanley at present juncture, and that arrangements be made for the S.S. 'Falkland' to be placed at their disposal and held in readiness to convey them to other parts of the East and West Falkland, and that those desirous of leaving Stanley shd be instructed to notify the Agents of the steamer as soon as possible, as also the names of the Settlements at which they desire to be landed.

Council further advise that the policy of the Govrt

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Government be as follows:-

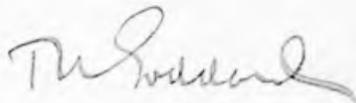
Should Stanley be visited by an enemy squadron no defence shd be offered; the seat of Government however shd ~~not be surrendered~~ not be surrendered but a retirement made inland and the Flag ~~which~~ which usually flies at Government House conveyed thither. On the other hand shd an attempt be made by a single cruiser to ~~land~~ land an armed party for the purpose of destroying the wireless station such landing shd be resisted.

(His Excellency stated that Rear-Admiral Cradock, British Commanding the squadron on the coasts of South America, whom he had consulted, concurred that the above action, as also the advice to Heads of families, was the proper course for the Government to adopt in the circumstances.)

Governor concurred and stated that he would give effect to the Council's recommendation and advice.

H. E. the Governor,

The above is a summary of the recommendation of the Executive Council made at this morning's meeting



Clerk to Executive Council

19th October, 1914.

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A copy of the Notice which has been placed on the Board shd be attached to these papers.

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19 October, 1914.

PUBLIC NOTICE .

BY THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL.

Owing to the naval situation in South American waters heads of families are hereby advised that women and children would in all probability be safer in the Camps than in Stanley at present. Arrangements have been made to place the s.s. "Falkland" at the disposal of those who desire to be conveyed to other parts of the East Falkland and to the West Falkland. Persons intending to leave Stanley should notify the Agents of the steamer as soon as possible, giving the names of the settlements at which they desire to be landed.

By Command,

1/2 Sgd. E.M. Goddard,

Clerk to the Executive Council,

19th October, 1914.

Government House,

Stanley.