



C.S.

SECRET

WAR/W2H/1#11

19 39.

No.

5/21/39

Secretary of State.

SUBJECT.

19 39.

22nd August.

Previous Paper.

STRAINED RELATIONS WITH GERMANY.

Copies of Telegrams received before and after the outbreak of war.

MINUTES.

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2.

Telegram from S. of S. of 22/8/39.

Then telegrams were received at 7.30 p.m. here on the evening of the 22nd. File S/11/29 was obtained (I had no copy then of O.D.C. 699/M). The ^{only} immediate action practicable was to arrange for a meeting of the Defence Committee at 9.30 a.m. on the 23rd and to instruct the W/T Station to keep a 24 hour watch. I repeat to say that the telegram is acknowledged as not sent until 9.30 a.m. on the 23rd. Enquiry from W/T Station showed that it ~~was~~ could not be sent off until 11 o'clock.

Subsequent Paper.



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via Buenos Aires.

The meeting of the Defence Committee held on the 21st decided on a number of preliminary measures and enquiries as to stocks of necessities were initiated

~~with~~ 24/8/39

11. Telegram to S. of S. of 23/8/39.
5. S. of S. Circular Telegram no. 1 of 24/8/39.
6. " " " " 2 of 24/8/39
7. Telegram to S. of S. no. 61 of 25/8/39
8. S. of S. Circular Telegram no. 10 of 26/8/39.

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TELEGRAM.

From The Secretary of State.....

To His Excellency the Governor.....

Despatched: 22nd August, 19 39. Time: 20.28 G.M.T.

Received: 22nd August, 19 39. Time: 19.30 L.T.

Most Secret and Personal. Think it desirable that you should know in connection with "Stand BY" telegram sent to you earlier to-day, that His Majesty's Government have received a number of reports indicating that Germany may carry out a coup in relation to Danzig some time between 24th and August 28th. There are some indications that only immediate enemy will be Germany. This should not, however, exclude initiation before preliminary defence measures with possibility of Italy's and/or Japan's intervention as may be considered necessary bearing in mind extra importance of avoiding any appearance of aggressive intentions.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

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TELEGRAM.

From The Secretary of State.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 23rd August, 19 39. *Time* 16.20.

Received : 23rd August, 19 39. *Time* 7.45.

Why have I not received acknowledgment of my Stand-By
Telegram dated August 22nd.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

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TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched: 23rd August, 1939. *Time:* 8.30 p.m.

Received: 19 *Time:*

Your telegram 23rd August acknowledgment despatched
11 o'clock A.M. local time August 23rd.

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TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 23rd August, 19 39. *Time* : 00.05 GMT

Received : 24th August, 19 39. *Time* : 1100 LT

Unnumbered. Secret. In order to conserve supplies of certain essential materials in the United Kingdom an Order in Council will be issued on August 24th prohibiting the exportation from the United Kingdom of the following goods except under license: antimony aluminium bismuth cobalt copper lead mercury nickel palladium, etc., platinum ferro alloy tin in blocks, etc., non ferrous scrap and old metals iron and steel scrap and waste zinc flax including waste hemp of all kinds jute silk raw cotton waste and linters ground nuts linseed palm oil linseed oil coconut oil cotton seed oil whale oil oil seed cake and meal petroleum products copal shellac rosin mica rubber and rubber scrap toluol glycerine radium compound.

2. Exports from the United Kingdom to the British Empire will be permitted without direct formalities under a general open license.

3. It is not the wish of the United Kingdom Government that Colonial Governments should follow suit for the present at any rate. A subsidiary object of prohibition of exports from the United Kingdom is to prevent certain essential materials and commodities being acquired by potential hostile nations but its chief/

chief purpose is the conservation of the resources in the United Kingdom and in the case of most Colonies that purpose would not be achieved by imposition of prohibition in the present precautionary period.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

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TELEGRAM.

From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 24th August, 19 39 Time: 14.45

Received: 24th August, 19 39 Time: 17.30

Immediate. Circular Telegram Secret No. 1. If you have not already done so, please telegraph urgently which, if any, officials now on leave in this country you wish sent back: (a) at once; (b) or on the outbreak of war. Bear in mind the fact that special arrangements may have to be made and that demand for accommodation in ships will be very considerable. Please state order of priority in both categories, specifying by name.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

Yr. Submitted. We have already asked the C.A.'s to arrange for the return of the Super: Elec: Dept: and have notified Mr: Mever himself. The Foreman, Mr: Challen is on leave. Presumably, he should return first opportunity. If Yr. agrees we can telegraph the Crown Agents and reply the S. of S. saying that the Supervision Elec Dept: as the Foreman P. Wals Dept: should return at once and that the Crown Agents have already been asked to arrange.

See over

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25. 8. 39.

Telegrams to S of S, the
Crown Agents and Mr. Challen
passed to Mr. L. Adevidge
for transmission

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25.8.39. Ed.

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TELEGRAM.

From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 24th August, 1939 *Time :* 20.34. G.M.T.

Received : 24th August, 1939 *Time :* 19.45. L.T.

Circular No. 2 Secret.

"Unobtrusive preparations" in the "meaning" section of "Stand by" telegram in O.D.C. 699-M should not be interpreted too literally it should not be allowed to hamper however any preliminary civil defence measures which are considered necessary (those prescribed in the Stage) provided that these avoid any appearance of aggressive intentions.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

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TELEGRAM.

From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 24th August, 19 39 *Time :* 18.16

Received : 24th August, 19 39 *Time :* 17.00

See Preface Defence Scheme Order in Council issued
authorizing Board of Trade and Admiralty to requisition
British vessels. Publication temporarily withheld.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

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TELEGRAM.

From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 22nd August, 19 39 *Time :* 15.00

Received : 23rd August, 19 39 *Time :*

See Preface to Defence Scheme strained relations with
Germany.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

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TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor,

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched: 25th August, 19 39. Time: ...

Received: 19 ... Time: ...

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No. 61. Your Circular telegram Secret No. 1 return of officials Mercer Electrical Supervisor and Challen, Foreman, Public Works required to return to the Colony at once. Crown Agents have already been asked to make necessary arrangements for their return.

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TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched: 24th August, 19 39 *Time:* 19.30

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

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Governor.

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TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 24th August, 19 39. *Time:* 2230

Received: 24th August, 19 39. *Time:* 2115

Circular Telegram No. 4. My unnumbered Circular telegram August 23rd regarding control of exports from United Kingdom.

It is desirable that all Colonial Administrations should be ready to prohibit at short notice except under licence export from their territories both of articles essential to internal use and of articles likely to be of use directly or indirectly to a hostile power.

It is hoped that a Circular despatch will issue giving advice as to the form of legislation necessary for control of both imports and exports. Should war break out in the meantime immediate steps should be taken to prohibit export except under licence at least of goods mentioned in telegram under reference.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

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TELEGRAM.

From The Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 25th August, 19 39. *Time:* 0001.

Received: 25th August, 19 39. *Time:* 0900.

Circular Telegram No. 5.

1. Enquiries have been received from several Colonies in regard to expatriation of enemy alien refugees in war. Following summary of policy proposed in the United Kingdom may be useful but Colonial Governments are free to decide own policy in the light of this.

2. No general interment of enemy aliens at the outbreak of hostilities is contemplated but some measure of interment of males will probably be inevitable at an early date. Members of certain classes e.g., Doctors of Medicine and individual specialists, chemists - who are known to be - well disposed and whose services will be valuable would be exempt.

3. German refugees will be treated in the same way as (?) enemy aliens. This decision is based (on assumption that ?) interment would be necessary in view of public opinion and that many will be rendered destitute in war. It is proposed to arrange for segregation of interned refugees from other alien (countries ?).

4. Apart from women whose activities are suspected no (female ?) enemy aliens or children would be interned.

5. Movement within country of all aliens would be controlled but special restrictions on letters imposed on enemy aliens left at liberty e.g., restrictions as to travel, change of address. Absence from registered address exceeding 24 hours to be reported to police, and possession of arms, cameras and motor vehicles fully prohibited.

6. As regards refugees of former Czechoslovak nationality, who would not technically be enemy aliens, present suggestion is that special order would be made to bring them all within scope of restrictions indicated in paragraph 5.

7. Circular despatch follows as soon as possible.

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TELEGRAM.

From The Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 25th August, 19 39. *Time :*

Received : 26th August, 19 39. *Time :*

See Preface to Defence Scheme establish general telegraph
and Postal Censorship. Notification issued.

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TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched : 25th August, 19 39. *Time :* 2.145.

Received : 19 *Time :*

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TELEGRAM.

From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.
To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 25th August, 19 39 *Time :* 12.58
Received : 26th August, 19 39 *Time :* 12.30

Circular No. 11. My Censorship telegram suspended temporarily pending further instructions. Acknowledge "Mary".

SECRETARY OF STATE.

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TELEGRAM.

From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 25th August, 1939. *Time:* 15.20

Received: 25th August, 19 39. *Time:* 4.30 L.T.

Circular No. 7. My Requisitioning telegram please inform Harbour Master Port Stanley that he is authorised by Director Sea Transport to requisition ships.

Authority dated August 24th follows by mail.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

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TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 25th August, 1939. *Time:* 22.35.

Received: 26th August. 19 39. *Time:* ---

Circular No. 6. Emergency Powers (Defence) Act will be extended to all Colonies, etc., this afternoon and "Defence Act" Telegrams will be sent when Order has been made.

2. Text of Act and Order differ in the following respects from draft in your possession.

3. Defence Act Long Title. Delete "any war in which "he may be engaged" and substitute "in the present emergency".

Clause 2 (5) Page 3 beginning of line 31 insert "(a)" line 35 after Treasury insert "and (b) for imposing "and recovering such charges as may be so prescribed in "respect of any service which, in pursuance of such regulation, "are provided on behalf of His Majesty, or under arrangements "made on behalf of His Majesty, other than services necessary "for the performance of duties imposed by law upon the Crown;"

Line 36 after "fees" add "or charges as aforesaid".

Clause 6 pages 6 and 7 Delete. Renumber subsequent Sections.

Clause 8 now number 7 page 8. End of line 2. Delete fullstop and substitute "; prima facie evidence of any such "intensity as aforesaid may, in any legal proceedings "(including arbitration), be given by production of a "document purporting to be certified to be a true copy of "an instrument by, or on behalf, of the Minister or other "authority or person having power to make or issue the "Instrument".

Clause 9 now number 8. Line 3 delete "made under this "Act by His Majesty in Council" and substitute "in Council "containing Defence Regulations".

Line 11 after "Order" insert "in Council".

Line 16 after "conferred by" insert "the preceding provisions of the".

Clause 11 now numbered 10. Insert new sub section (2) as follows :- "(2) Reference in this Act to British aircraft shall be construed as reference to aircraft registered in any part of His Majesty's Dominions, in an British Protectorate or in any territories in respect of which a Mandate on behalf of the League of Nations has been accepted by His Majesty and is being exercised by the Government of any part of His Majesty's Dominions".

Renumber existing sub section (2) as sub section (3).

Insert new Section 11 as follows:

"11 - (1) Subject to the provisions of this Section, this Act shall be continued in force for a period of 1 year beginning with the date of passing of this Act, and shall then expire:

"Provided that, if at any time while this Act is in force, an address is presented to His Majesty by each of the houses of Parliament praying that this Act should be continued in force for a further period of 1 year from the time at which it would otherwise expire, His Majesty may by Order in Council direct that this Act shall continue in force for that further period.

"(2) Notwithstanding anything in the preceding sub section if His Majesty by Order in Council declares that the emergency that was the occasion of the passing of this Act has come to an end, this Act shall expire at the end of the day on which the Order is expressed to come into operation.

"(3) The expiry of this Act shall not affect the operation thereof as respect things previously done or omitted to be done".

Clause 12 pages 8 and 9. Line 36 "(1)" delete subsections (2) and (3).

4. Order in Council.

Insert date 1939 where necessary.

Clause 3.

Line 3 for words: "sub section (3) of section 7" read "subsection (3) of Section 6".

Line 4 after "Sections" insert " ? " delete "10" and substitute "11".

First Schedule.

(i) Lines 2, 3 and 4. Delete the following :- "; and all sums received by way of such fees shall be paid into the Exchequer of the United Kingdom or, if the Treasury so direct, be paid into such public fund or account as they may determine".

Insert inverted commas after the word Treasury in line 2.

Lines 5 and 6. Delete the following :- and all sums received by way of such fees. Substitute the following :- and for words "shall be paid into the Exchequer of the United Kingdom or, if the Treasury so direct, be paid into such public fund or account as they may determine" there shall be substituted the words".

Delete also (k) and re-letter subsequent paragraphs.

(l) now re-lettered (k) line 1 for "7" read "6".

(m) now re-lettered (l) for "8" read "7".

New paragraph (m) as follows : "(m) reference to British "ships shall be construed as including reference to all "ships registered in, or licensed under the law of the "territory".

Second Schedule.

First column delete "(Dominica)" second column for "(Dominica)" read "Dominica".

SECRETARY OF STATE.

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TELEGRAM.

From The Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 25th August, 19 39. *Time:* 1705.

Received: 25th August, 19 39. *Time:* 5.30 LT.

See Preface to Defence Scheme Defence Act passed and
extended to Colonial Dependencies.

My telegram Circular No. 6 contains variations in Act
and Order in Council.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor,

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched: 25th August, 19 39. *Time:* 6.50.

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

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TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 26th August, 19 39. *Time:* 3.00

Received: 26th August, 19 39. *Time:* 1130.

Circular No. 9 Secret.

Position is being considered of the various categories selected for candidates for Colonial appointments in the event of war. I have in mind principally :-

- (a) Administrative probationers just selected for Colonial Administration service course beginning October.
- (b) Police probationers selected to go to Hendon in September.
- (c) Agricultural and Veterinary scholars including :-
 - (i) those just selected to commence training in October, as well (ii) those already in training, with a year or more to go.
- (d) Survey Probationers who have just begun course as Ordnance Survey Officers ending January next.
- (e) Education Probationers selected to go to Institute of Education in London in September.
- (f) Others selected candidates who normally take a course before sailing e.g. Doctors.

It can be assumed that in the case of (a) (b) and (c), the course would in the event of war close down and selected candidates if so required and if exempted from Military service would take up their duties in Colonies as soon as circumstances permitted. Assuming that it will be possible to obtain exemption for above categories from any conscription Act which may come into force, please telegraph at the earliest possible date which of such men whose selection you have asked for should in the event of war proceed to take up their duties either forthwith or, in case of (d) after the completion of training. It will be appreciated that in most cases scholars in category (c) are unallocated to Colonies but I shall be glad if you will inform me of your minimum requirements from this source during the coming 12 months and the following year assuming that war is still in progress,

progress, and bearing in mind that training arrangements may have to be discontinued or modified in such a way as to curtail supply of qualified candidates.

As regards the suggestion of vacancies in other categories which have been notified to me or to the Crown Agents and which normally do not involve special training courses please inform me which vacancies should be filled in the event of war assuming that selected candidates can be exempted from military service.

You will no doubt read this telegram in conjunction with my circular despatch of February 17th and I am sure you will agree that the release of serving officers as well as cancellation of the new selections must not be carried to such lengths as to interfere with the efficiency of vital service. You will also bear in mind that in the event of war further recruitment in this country for Colonial Service will almost certainly have to be discontinued except in a very limited number of exceptional cases.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched : 26th August, 1939 *Time :* 4.45.

Received : 19 *Time :*

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 26th August, 19 39 *Time:* 18.24

Received: 26th August, 19 39 *Time:* 20.00

Circular No. 13 Secret My Circular despatch Secret March 3rd
Ships and Aircraft (Transfer Restrictions) Bill.

1. It is not proposed to enact Bill for the present.
You will be notified in accordance with arrangements indicated
in O.D.C. 699 - M. when Bill is passed.

2. In the meanwhile the following Defence Regulation
has been issued here under the authority of the Emergency
Powers (Defence) Act to remain in force until transfer
Restriction Bill is enacted :-

"(1) It shall be unlawful, except under the authority
of the Board of Trade to transfer or mortgage, or to transfer
any mortgage of, any British ship other than a Dominion or
any share in such a British Ship; and if any person purporting
to effect any transfer or mortgage which is unlawful by virtue
of this paragraph, then, in addition to the transfer or
mortgage being void, he shall be guilty of an offence against
this Regulation.

(2) Notwithstanding anything in Section 53 of the
Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, an application made (wh
before or after the coming into force of this Re
for the transfer registry of a British ship
the United Kingdom shall not be granted ex
approval of the Board of Trade.

(3) Nothing in section 48 of the
1894 as amended by Section 53 of the V
1906 shall apply in relation to any a
ship registered in the first mentioned
pursuance of directions given by or on b

Trade, are made on any occasion for the purpose only of providing in ships additional space or accommodation for cargo, stores, passengers or crew, provided such particulars of alterations as may be prescribed by the Board of Trade are, within such time after the completion of alterations as may so be prescribed, endorsed on the ships certificate of registry by a Registrar of British Ships".

3. You should at once issue a similar Regulation applicable to any ships registered at a port in the territory under your administration whether under Merchant Shipping Acts or merely local register, but in case of the latter the appropriate authority to give consent would be the Governor. Last paragraph warning notice (enclosure 4 in despatch of 3rd March) will require amendment to conform to paragraph 2 of the Regulations issued locally.

4. It is not proposed at present to issue here any analogous regulations relating to Aircraft.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 26th August, 1939. *Time* : 1308.

Received : 26th August, 1939. *Time* : 1200.

Circular telegram No. 14 Secret my Secret telegram of August
23rd Licensing of exports. Last 3 groups must not be
interpreted as meaning precautionary stahe has been put into
operation.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

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TELEGRAM.

From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 26th August, 19 39 *Time:* 01.30

Received: 26th " 19 39 *Time:* 01.45

Circular telegram No. 10. Orders have been issued for War W/T organization to be brought into force in Naval service and for all private W/T messages to and from H.M. Ships to cease.

Any necessary instructions as to W/T communication with H.M. Ships should now be issued to commercial stations.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 27th August, 19 39 *Time:* 12.10

Received: 27th August, 19 39 *Time:* 19.10

See Preface to Defence Scheme:

Admiralty have assumed control of movements of British
Merchant Ships.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched: 27th August, 19 39 *Time:* 19.15

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

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TELEGRAM.

From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 28th August, 19 39 *Time :* 17.45
Received : 28th August, 19 39 *Time :* 19.30

Circular Secret. In the event of war notice will be issued by the Admiralty to all British Merchant Vessels. You are to advise British Merchant ships on outbreak of war.

Admiralty have issued following announcement for all British Merchant Vessels.

2. All ships are liable to examination by British Contraband Control Service.

3. British ships coming under the following categories will not normally be detained on interception longer than is necessary to establish their identity :-

- (a) Ships on Government charter arms embargo.
- (b) Ships bound direct for British or China ports and which will discharge all their cargo and passengers in such ports.
- (c) Ships whose last port of call was British or derogatory and which have a special war clearance therefrom.

4. Other British ships may on interception on certain routes be required to put into a Contraband Control Base for more detailed examination and they are therefore advised call at Contraband Control Bases as follows :-

Ships proceeding eastward through English Channel with intention of passing the Downs, if not calling at any Channel port should call at Weymouth for Contraband Control Examination.

Ships bound for European ports on routes to North Scotland should call at Kirkwall.

Ships bound (? Mauritius) through Straits of Gibraltar should call at Gibraltar. ends.

Please arrange for similar notice to be issued to all British ocean going Merchant Vessels which on outbreak of war are in ports in territory under your administration.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 28th August, 19 39. *Time :* 2040.

Received : 28th August, 19 39. *Time :* 2130.

Circular No. 18. In the present emergency and until further instructions please include in any telegram reporting a casualty, name relationship and addresses of officers next of kin. ~~Information should be repeated in all subsequent communications reporting progress.~~

SECRETARY OF STATE.

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TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 28th August, 19 39. *Time:* 1425.

Received: 28th August, 19 39. *Time:* 1530.

Circular No. 17. Secret. I should be glad to have your wishes as to desirability in the event of war of allowing wives and families of officials to join their husbands in territory under your administration if shipping accommodation is available. If you favour strongly recommending restrictions would you briefly indicate their nature.

This enquiry only relates to the opening period of war say the first 6 months.

Any policy now decided on may have to be modified later in the light of developments.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
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To				
OPERATOR				
FOX BAY.				

PLEASE INFORM ALL STATIONS THAT FOLLOWING NOTICE HAS BEEN ISSUED BY
ADJUTANT, DEFENCE FORCE, BEGINS:-

"IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 19 OF THE
"DEFENCE FORCE ORDINANCE, 1920, EVERY MALE PERSON RESIDENT IN
"THE COLONY BETWEEN THE AGES OF 18 AND 44 YEARS NOT BEING A
"MEMBER OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE IS REQUIRED TO
"FURNISH HIS FULL NAME, THE DATE OF HIS BIRTH AND NATIONALITY
FORTHWITH TO THE COMMANDING OFFICER, HEADQUARTERS, FALKLAND ISLANDS
DEFENCE FORCE, STANLEY STOP IN THE CASE OF PERSONS RESIDING OUTSIDE
STANLEY THE INFORMATION MAY BE FURNISHED BY LETTER".

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Time

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

<i>Despatched:</i>	30th August,	19 39	<i>Time:</i>	16.55
<i>Received:</i>	30th August,	19 39	<i>Time:</i>	14.45

Circular No. 23. Most Secret. Following are instructions which have been sent by service department to all Commanders in Chief abroad.

You are requested to ensure that all action for which you are responsible agrees with these instructions.

1. Several Commanding Officers necessary to despatch the warning telegram to you immediately. It seems likely that Italy as well as Germany may be specified as a potential enemy. In view of alliance between Germany and Italy the possibility of Italian hostility cannot be excluded though it is expected that Italy will do her utmost to avoid becoming involved.

2. His Majesty's Government regards Italian neutrality if it can be by any means assured, as decidedly preferable to her active hostility. The French Government brought this policy. Consequently your action should be governed by general principles that follow.

3. If you receive a warning telegram specifying both Germany and Italy as potential enemies, your defensive precautions against attack by Italy should as far as possible be non provocative. If subsequently you receive war telegram in which Germany is specified as enemy, you should avoid initiating any action against Italy which is likely to bring her into mitigation against us. This of course does not relieve you of your responsibility for taking necessary precautions against possibility of sudden attack by Italy. before making defensive dispositions as you think advisable nor does it debar you from immediate local

retaliation/

retaliation of stubborn Italian forces.

4. Should development of situation demand any modification in these instructions, you will be notified immediately.

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TELEGRAM.

From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 30th August, 19 39 *Time :* 01.45

Received : 30th August, 19 39 *Time :* 11.30

CIRCULAR No. 21. SECRET. Reply urgently required.

Measures will be taken in this country immediately on the outbreak of war to control the purchase of and export of foreign currency in order to conserve exchange of resources of this country. It is equally important to conserve exchange of resources in Colonial Empire where currency with trifling exceptions is on sterling exchange basis.

Treasury cannot allow free circulation of money between this country and any individual dependency if it is open to any persons in the dependency concerned to export sterling or turn it freely into dollars and thus lead to evasion in the United Kingdom of exchange control regulations and to a drain on sterling.

Below is a summary of the most important parts of draft Defence (Finance) Regulations which have been prepared here for immediate introduction upon outbreak of war. Copies of draft are already on their way to you under cover of air mail despatch.

Please send telegraphic acknowledgment of receipt of this telegram together with assurance that on outbreak of war your Government is willing to bring into force regulations on the lines of and no less stringent than those summarised below. Unless such an assurance is received in the United Kingdom the Treasury would not be able to permit transfer of money between this country and the dependency in question.

Should you be in doubt on any point especially pending the receipt of despatch referred to above please refer to me.

Summary/

Summary begins.

1. (1) Except with permission granted by or on behalf of Treasury no person other than an authorised dealer shall in the United Kingdom buy or borrow any foreign currency or any gold from, or lend or sell any foreign currency or any gold to, any person not being an authorised dealer.

1. (2) Defines authorised dealer which in case of dependency would be British bank or banks authorised on that behalf by yourself. Condition of authorization would be that bank would conduct its operations on lines laid down by you so as to conserve exchange to utmost.

2. (1) Subject to any exemptions which may be granted by order of Treasury, no person shall, except with permission granted by or on behalf of Treasury - (a) take or send out of the United Kingdom any bank notes, postal orders, gold, securities or foreign currency, transfer any securities from United Kingdom elsewhere, or (b) draw or negotiate any bill of exchange or promissory note, transfer any security or acknowledge any debt, so that (a) right (whether actual or contingent) to receive payment in the United Kingdom is created or transferred as a consideration - (i) for receiving a payment, or acquiring property, outside the United Kingdom or (ii) for a right (whether actual or contingent) to receive payment, of acquiring the United Kingdom or make any payment as such consideration.

2. (2) The preceding paragraph shall not restrict the doing of anything, within the scope of his authority, by any person authorised by or on behalf of the Treasury to deal in foreign exchange, and shall not restrict the doing of anything which is certified by or on behalf of the Treasury to be necessary for the purpose - (a) of meeting reasonable requirements of a trade or business carried on in the United Kingdom, (b) of performing a contract made before the day the regulations

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come into force or (c) of defraying reasonable travelling or other personal expenses.

2. (3) Require any person leaving the United Kingdom, defined as traveller, to declare and produce any foreign currency in his possession and to surrender any that he is not authorized to export, and give powers of search and seizure.

2. (4) Authorize movement of foreign currency between various parts of the United Kingdom.

2. (5) Authorize search of goods and seizure of any foreign currency so found.

3. Residents in the United Kingdom who are or become entitled to sell gold, or procure sale of gold, shall cause that gold to be offered for sale to the Treasury or to a person designated by the Treasury at such price as may be determined by the Treasury provided that there shall not be an obligation on any person to offer gold for sale if (a) he satisfies the Treasury (1) that all persons interested ^{the} in/gold are not resident in the United Kingdom, or (2) that gold is required for the purpose of performing contracts made before the day on which the regulations come into force, or (3) that gold is held for the purpose of meeting reasonable requirements of trade or business carried on in the United Kingdom otherwise than by way of dealing in gold, or (b) if he is in respect of that gold exempted from this regulation by the Treasury.

Summary ends.

Note that in adopting above for Colonial use Treasury should be replaced by Governor, not United Kingdom Treasury.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 30th August, 19 39. *Time :* 2300.

Received : 30th August, 19 39. *Time :* 2300.

Secret. Circular. My circular despatch Secret May 20th.
of
Ministry/information. Grateful if you would ?

now send regularly, for communication to planning staff
of Ministry of information, copies of more important
newspapers English and vernacular circulating in the
territory under your administration. Suggest they should
be sent by the Colonial Office bag (air mail if possible)
in separate packages clearly marked "review of Empire press"

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Kingston, Jamaica,

To Falkland Islands.

Despatched : 19 *Time :*

Received : 19 *Time :*

212/48 Governor Cancel at sender's request.

KINGSTON.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched : 29th August, 19 39 *Time :* 20.55

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

Secret. Unnumbered. Your Secret Circular telegram No. 8
please repeat all from group 149.

GOVERNOR.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched : 1st September, 1939 Time : 11.45

Received : 19 Time :

GLAXO CHILD

Governor.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 1st September, 19 39 *Time :* 10.55

Received : 1st September, 19 39 *Time :* 11.30

See Preface, Defence Scheme Adopt Precautionary Stage
against Germany and Italy. Italy's position has not yet
been declared public. With reference to paragraph 3 of my
Circular telegram No. 23 Most Secret it is most important
no action should be taken which can be considered provocative
by Italy Acknowledge by words "GLAXO CHILD".

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 31st August, 19 39. *Time :* 1710.

Received : 31st August, 19 39. *Time :* 2100.

Circular No. 26. Government have decided to start on September 1st evacuation of school children and other priority classes under Government scheme from London and other towns in England and Scotland. Evacuation will take several days to complete. Public announcement makes it clear that Evacuation is being undertaken as a measure of precaution and no one should conclude that decision means war is now considered inevitable.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

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TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 31st August, 19 39. *Time :* 1828.

Received : 31st August, 19 39. *Time :* 2100.

Circular No. 28. It has been decided to call up whole Regular Army Reserve and Supplementary Reserve under provisions of Reserve and Auxiliary Forces Act 1939 and to complete Naval mobilisation at home.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 26th August, 19 39. Time : 2302.

Received : 31st August, 19 39. Time : 2100.

Circular No. 8 Secret.

This telegram summarises the procedure which is to be followed as regards treatment on the outbreak of war of enemy Consuls de ~~carriere~~ and foreign Consuls of any nationality.

2. In view of indication of treatment in the event of war of some of our Consular Officers in Germany it has been decided that if war breaks out diplomatic representatives in enemy country is, before leaving his post, to inform the enemy Government that H.M. Government intends to follow the usual international procedure and to permit enemy Consular officers to leave the United Kingdom and that such officers will be issued with a special pass permitting them to leave as soon as H.M. Government has received from the enemy Government a notification that the same treatment will be accorded to British Consular Officers in enemy country. Arrangements are being made to ensure that enemy consular officers shall not leave the United Kingdom unless provided with special pass to be issued by the Foreign Office.

3. Analogous procedure should be followed as regards Consuls (both de ~~carriere~~ and foreign Consuls) of enemy nationality residing in Colonial dependencies. If war breaks out such Consular Officers should be ordered to make immediate arrangements for liquidation of their personal and official affairs (including safe custody of archives) with a view to their early departure from the Colony. Arrangements should, however, be made for their detention until a telegram is received from me indicating that a satisfactory assurance has been received from the enemy Government as regards treatment of British Consular Officers. If no such assurance is

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received you will be notified accordingly and thereafter enemy Consular Officers can be interned. Similarly if enemy Consular Officer who is being permitted to leave the Colony does not depart within the prescribed time he can be interned. If permission is ultimately given to consular Officers to leave the Colony they should be granted reasonable time in which to do so and proper facilities for their departure.

4. If notification is received to the effect that enemy Consuls are permitted to depart similar permission may be accorded to :

(a) their wives and families

(b) Consular employees of same nationality with their families:

on the understanding as regards (b) that numbers concerned should be limited as far as practicable. Suggest foreign Consuls should at once be asked to communicate names and addresses of all persons in this category but should be warned that it will only be possible to accept such notification in respect of reasonable number of employees having regard in each case to standing of consular post concerned.

5. Consuls personal servants who are enemy nationals will not be covered by general arrangements indicated and may be treated in same way as other enemy aliens in the Colony.

6. If they are allowed to depart enemy Consular Officers should be permitted to take with them their archives and official papers (which are to remain inviolable) or to deposit them in safe custody in the Colony.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

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TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 30th August, 1939. *Time :* 0112.

Received : 31st August, 1939. *Time :* 2100.

No. 20. Circular Secret my telegram No. 3 Circular Secret.

In view of possible ? think it desirable to point out with reference to paragraph (a) of above telegram, that departure of wives and families of enemy consuls should not be made dependent on whether or not enemy Consuls are permitted to depart. They can leave at any time within discretion of Colonial Government; on the other hand restrictions should be strictly applied in the case of Consular employees.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor,

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched : 31st August, 19 39. *Time :* 2230.

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

Jane.

GOVERNOR.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 31st August, 19 39. *Time :* 1810.

Received : 31st August, 19 39. *Time :* 2230.

Circular No. 27. Secret. My telegram of today censorship.

Pending further consideration restrictions should not be imposed on messages between foreign consuls and their respective Governments.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 31st August, 19 39. *Time :* 2145.

Received : 31st August, 19 39. *Time :* 2200.

Circular No. 29. Secret. General telegraph and postal
censorship re-imposed from six p.m. British summer time.
acknowledge "JANE".

SECRETARY OF STATE.

TELEGRAM.

From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 31st August, 19 39 *Time :* 24.00

Received : 31st August, 19 39 *Time :* 22.00

See Preface to Defence Scheme: Air Restrictions being imposed from midnight August 31st/September 1st.

The restrictions detailed in paragraph 14 of latest edition of Air Ministry's Secret Document S.D. 82 are as follows :- begins

1. The creation of new prohibited areas.
2. Requires aircraft entering or leaving the country to land or alight at certain scheduled Air Ports or Aerodromes, and while over the sea when approaching or leaving these ports or aerodromes to fly along certain prescribed routes.
3. Prohibiting flying between hours of sunset and sunrise
4. Requiring aircraft to fly at all times at such a height as to be clearly visible from the ground.
5. Prohibiting the carriage of arms or munitions of war or of explosives, other than explosives authorized for navigational and signalling purposes.
6. Prohibiting photography from aircraft; and carriage of any photographic apparatus plates or films.
7. Prohibiting the use of wireless apparatus except for the transmission and receipt of messages relating solely to control safety or routes of aircraft.
8. Prohibiting the unauthorised making of signals.
9. Require aircraft to carry certain additional documents including particulars of :-
 - (a) nationality of each passenger and of each member of the crew;
 - (b) the immediate and ultimate destinations of all passengers;
 - (c) the conditions under which any cargo carried is being transported, including name and address of its consignor and its immediate and ultimate destination;

10. Prohibiting aircraft from flying in such manner as to be likely to endanger or to interfere with any of His Majesty's forces ships or aircraft.

11. Prohibiting aircraft from flying without clearly displaying nationality registration or other marks prescribed. Ends.

Restrictions imposed locally should not at present be such as to preclude continued operation of regular air lines.

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TELEGRAM.

From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 31st August, 19 39 *Time :* 19.58

Received : 31st August, 19 39 *Time :* 22.30

CIRCULAR TELEGRAM No. 24. SECRET.

Please ensure that any local action required for imposition of visas requirements on all aliens desirous of visiting the territory with which you are concerned may be taken immediately on the outbreak of war.

Paragraphs 3 to 5 of my despatch of 24th July Circular Secret refers.

Paragraph 2. At present Consular Officers will be instructed that they may issue such visas only to non enemy aliens provided they are entirely satisfied that proposed journey is clearly in the national interest, and that in the reach of the decision they should have regard to special circumstances of such territories as Kenya, Uganda, Hong Kong, Malaya and Aden.

All doubtful cases to be referred to Governments concerned.

Paragraph 3. These instructions should also be regarded as applying to applications for visas travelling to another part of the Colonial Empire which may be made to Colonial authorities; instructions regarding grant of visas for the United Kingdom by such authorities are being sent in my Circular telegram No. 25 Secret.

Paragraph 4. Please telegraph if any modification is urgently necessary in instructions in paragraph 2 above, but otherwise suggest further consideration should be given to their possible modification as regards visas of territory with which you are concerned in light of full instructions regarding grant of visas for the United Kingdom which follow by despatch.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 1st September, 19 39. *Time:* 855.

Received: 1st September, 19 39. *Time:* 0930.

Unnumbered my telegram No. 25 circular Tables J. 2 refer.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

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TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor,

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched: 1st September, 19 39. *Time:* 9.30.

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

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TELEGRAM.

From. The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 1st September, 19 39 *Time :* 19.16.

Received : 1st September, 19 39 *Time :* 19.40.

As regards exercise of Droit De Prince see enclosure
to my Secret despatch of August 28th 1937 Circular.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 1st September, 1939 *Time :* 22.05

Received : 1st September, 1939 *Time :* 19.40

Air Force Reservists resident in Colonies, etc.,
are to report in writing to Air Ministry, Adastral
House, Kingsway, London and await instructions.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 1st September, 19 39 *Time :* 18.19

Received : 1st September, 19 39 *Time :* 21.00

Mobilisation of Army has been ordered.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 1st September, 1939. Time : 1350.

Received : 1st September. 1939. Time : 1030.

1. A Ministry of information is likely to be set up at any moment. You are asked to co-operate in accordance with my despatch of May 15th circular Secret, and subsequent correspondence. Appoint at once your information officer and see that he is fully instructed in his duties. Great importance is attached to having a full time officer at once, with an adequate staff and facilities in all the larger Colonies.
2. Telegrams on matters exclusively concerning the Ministry of Information should be addressed to ? but should begin in code group MININ meaning "following for the Ministry of Information". Copies of despatches to me, bearing on publicity work should be sent in the Colonial Office Bag in a separate envelope addressed to the Ministry of Information and in such cases a statement should be included in the despatch indicating that this has been done.
3. In the early stages of the war difficulties in organization may prevent the receipt by you of detailed plans and ? but as this period is of great importance for publicity work you should spare no efforts to see as much work is done on local initiative on the lines indicated in the circular despatch of May 15th and any subsequent communications. You should take whatever steps are necessary to secure the reception preparation and distribution of ? British Broadcasts and British Official wireless will furnish useful publicity material. Local arrangements will presumably be made for their printing and where necessary, translation.
4. Meanwhile the following principals are to govern British war time publicity and are set up for the guidance of you and your information officer :-

- (1) All British publicity should be truthful and objective
- (2) Speedy and widespread dissemination of British news is the best publicity.

- (3) Suitable ³ between publicity activities and your local censorship should be established.
- (4) Publicity should show greatest caution in references to Italy or Japan
- (5) Publicity about Germany should be directed not against that country or people as such but against their present rulers and system and policy.
- (6) No British publicity should suggest even by implication that Britain expects or is relying on American support. The line taken should be that America must settle her policy for herself but at least her sympathys are clear.
- (7) Due weight should be given to Britains Allies. Emphasis must be laid on the resources and staying power of this country and its Allies as much as on their present strength.
- (8) Over-optimism as to the immediate military situation should be avoided.
- (9) In publicity, speed and freshness are essential; Staleness is fatal.
- (10) False statements must be contradicted immediately. Publicity is most effected when not recognisable as such and when conveyed through channels with which people are familiar.
- (11) Publicity is not in itself an asset save in relation to
? . Silence or economy of words may often be the best policy. In general a few striking statements are better than a lot of feebler ones. Reiteration is not a waste. Consistency is essential and point (1) will ensure this.
- (12) The first objective of your publicity should be to stress the ethereal aspect showing Britain struggling as the Champion of the smaller and weaker peoples who ask only the right to lead their own lives. The second objective should be to stress the material as well as moral strength of the Allies.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 1st September, 19 39. *Time :* 1819.

Received : 1st September, 19 39. *Time :* 1430.

Mobilisation of Army has been ordered.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 1st September, 19 39. *Time:* 1350.

Received: 1st September, 19 39. *Time:* 1200.

Circular telegram No. 31 most Secret Reference to my Circular Secret No. 23 and my general warning telegram. Please note that if you receive war telegram view Germany alone as enemy no action should be taken against Italian nationals which could be regarded by Italy as provocative. This will not however debar you from taking action against an Italian national known or suspected to be a German agent the same as that which you would take against such an agent in similar circumstances if he were a national.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 2nd September, 19 39. *Time:* ...

Received: 2nd September, 19 39. *Time:* ...

My Circular telegram No. 5 paragraph 6.

It has been decided that persons of former Czechoslovak nationality are not to be treated here as enemy aliens. They will of course be made subject to the restrictions to be imposed on all aliens. In addition a special advisory Committee will be set up to investigate each individual case and where necessary will recommend on some individuals (including detention if necessary) under the Defence Act corresponding to section 13 in the code of the Colonial Defence Regulations. It is not intended to intern such persons by the exercise of prerogative as one would in cases when enemy aliens are interned.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor,

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched: 2nd September, 1939. *Time:* ...

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

No. 67. Partial Mobilisation Defence Force effected here.

The following variations in Defence Scheme have been adopted. Chapter III all duties allocated to Senior Naval Officer have been assigned to following person George MacKenzie Goddard to whom I have issued a commission as Lieutenant Commander R.N.V.R. with effect from 2nd September signed by Commodore Harwood in blank dated 3rd December, 1938. Please inform Admiralty.

GOVERNOR.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor,

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched : 2nd September, 19 39. *Time :* ...

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

Reference my Confidential despatch of 13th July, 1938 new
Wireless transmitter and Receiver essential for Port Stanley
Wireless Station.

If Admiralty have not made arrangements to supply these
I request that set Model S.W. B. 8 Minor as advised by
Crown Agents be shipped if Admiralty approve.

GOVERNOR.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Dr. Kinneard, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 2nd September, 19 39. *Time :*

Received : 2nd September 19 39. *Time :*

Should I return to duty if so advice connection date
Lafonia Kinneard, Royal Bank, Main Street, Winnipeg,
Manitoba.

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TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 3rd September, 19 39. *Time :* ...

Received : 3rd September, 19 39. *Time :* ...

Circular No. 37. My Air Restrictions Telegram. Owing to the state of war with Germany the freight of British and foreign civil aircraft over the United Kingdom is being restricted, methods will only be allowed by special permission. You should accordingly consider in the light of local circumstances to what extent it is now necessary to modify restrictions if any are already imposed as the result of the Air Restrictions telegram. Until the attitude of Italy develops further however it is still considered that restrictions imposed locally should not be such as to preclude continued operation by regular air lines subject to any special security regulations you may wish to apply. Further instructions will be sent if necessary.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 3rd September, 19 39. Time : ...

Received : 3rd September, 19 39. Time : ...

Circular No. 33 Secret. My telegram 24th August Circular

No. 4 Secret. In order to preserve supplies, key supplies and commodities, and as additional security against their finding their way to the enemy, you should prohibit forthwith the export of commodities covered by the last paragraph of this telegram to all countries and states under licence.

2. Until further orders and subject to avoiding considerations arising out of the need for conservation of essential supplies in the dependency concerned licences should be granted without exclusion for the export to all American countries, to France, French Colonies and protectorates, Portugal, Turkey, Egypt and Iraq: exclusion at your discretion to other non-European countries except China, Japan and Russia, difficult cases being referred to me in your telegram.

3. Licences for any substantial consignments to European destinations other than France and Portugal should be refused but applications for such licences which you are prepared to support may be referred to me.

4. Subject to the above you will bear in mind need so far as is possible of not holding up shipping unnecessarily.

5. Please send at monthly intervals a despatch with details of licences given. I advocate refusal.

6. This telegram is of course supplementary not in substitution of the personal instructions for Kenya, Uruguay, Straits, Trinidad, Ceylon, Sarawak, Nigeria and Nyasaland. Regarding your reports to the Ministry economise the wording.

7. The commodities of which export should be prohibited except by licence are domestically produced foodstuff and raw materials of which the export normally exceeds one per cent (1%) by value of the total exports. In addition, in

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cases of doubt the export of certain further articles should be prohibited except under licence. In such cases these articles will be listed in a subsequent telegram.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor,

To The Commander in Chief, Bermuda.

Despatched: 3rd September, 19 39. *Time:* 1000.

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

I have issued a Commission signed by Commodore South American Squadron to George MacKenzie Goddard as Lieutenant Commander with effect from 2nd September. He will temporarily carry out the duties of Senior Naval Officer under the Falkland Islands Defence Scheme.

GOVERNOR.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 3rd September, 19 39. *Time :* 1145.

Received : 3rd September, 19 39¹. *Time :* 1145.

See Preface to Defence Scheme: seize in prize enemy merchant ships and bring before Prize Court for adjudication.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

From ...

His Excellency the Governor.

To ...

Despatched :	<u>3rd September,</u>	39	Time :	...
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Received :	3rd September.	39.	Time :	1428.
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See Preface to Defence Scheme seize all enemy civil aircraft.

No Order in Council is being issued seizure should be
effected under prerogative..

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 3rd September, 19 39. *Time :* ...

Received : 3rd September, 19 39. *Time :* 1415.

Arrange for complete dismantle of radio gear in enemy
aircraft if not already done.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor,

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched : 3rd September, 19 39. *Time :* 1010.

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

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TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 3rd September, 19 39. *Time :* 0915.

Received : 3rd September, 19 39. *Time :* 0930.

See Preface Defence Scheme War has Broken out with
Germany.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 3st September, 19 39. *Time :* 1350.

Received : 3st September, 19 39. *Time :* 1030.

My Ships Act telegram September 2nd. Following amendments were made in Ships and Aircraft (Transfer Restriction) Act begins :-

- (1) (a) Subsection (2) has been added to section ? as follows :- "this section shall come into operation on such date as the Secretary of State may by order appoint."
- (2) Section 10 has been deleted.
- (3) That subsequent sections have been re-numbered accordingly.
- (4) Subsection (2) of section 13 (formerly section 14) has been deleted and following sub-section (2) substituted therefore viz:- "this act shall continue in force until such time as His Majesty may by Order in Council declare to be the date on which it shall be null and void that was the occasion of the passing of this Act came to an end, and shall then expire except as respects the things previously covering or omitted to be done." The marginal note to section 13 is now "short title and the duration of the Act."

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 3rd September, 19 39. Time : ...

Received : 3rd September, 19 39. Time : ...

The following is a summary of instructions issued to passport control officers regarding the granting of Visas to Aliens desirous of visiting the United Kingdom in war time. Full instructions follow by despatch.

- (1) Viasa will be required by all aliens.
- (2) The test should be whether the journey to British territory is in the national interest.
- (3) During the first two months of war aliens who can produce evidence that they are bona fide residents in the United Kingdom who left prior to the outbreak of war may be granted visas without reference.
- (4) Any visa should be of strictly limited validity and should specify route to be followed. Transit visa is granted after reference (see paragraph 6) and a through passenger ticket must be produced.
- (5) Visas should in general be refused to enemy aliens (other than those falling within paragraph 3) who cannot prove that their business could not be effected by alternative means.
- (6) All applications for transit visas should be refused unless the necessity for passage through the United Kingdom is proved.
- (7) In no case included in paragraphs 5 and 6 are visas to be granted without reference.
- (8) Visas granted or authorised before the outbreak of war should be declared void.
- (9) Officers of allied governments and officials may be granted visas without reference if they produce evidence of travelling on duty.
- (10) As regards the issue of visas to travel to other parts of the Colonial Empire see my telegram number 24 Secret.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 3rd September, 19 39. *Time:* 0915.

Received: 3rd September, 19 39. *Time:* 0930.

See Preface Defence Scheme War has Broken out with
Germany.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched : 3rd September, 19 39. *Time :* ...

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

The profoundly loyal devotion of the people of the Falkland Islands to His Majesty the King and our mother country in this hour is submitted.

GOVERNOR.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 3rd September, 19 39. *Time :* 1120.

Received : 3rd September, 19 39. *Time :*

Complete dismantling of radio-telegraph apparatus on
enemy ships if not already done.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor,

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched : 3rd September, 19 39. *Time* : 1010.

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

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TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor,

To British Consul, Montevideo.

Despatched : 4th September, 19 39. Time : ...

Received : 19 ... Time : ...

Please arrange for Messrs MacLean & Stapledon to obtain on behalf of this Government and despatch by "Lefonia" sailing on or about the 16th instant the following :-

Glycerine	2 gals.
Paraffin liquid	2 gals.
Lysol	2 gals.
Adrenalin 1-1000 per bot of 10 c.c.	$\frac{1}{2}$ doz
Coramin (1 c.c.)	1 doz.
Atropin Sulph (grs on hundredth)	3 tubes
Phenol Ab (cryst)	5 lbs.
Dextrosum	5 lbs.
Borax	25 lbs
Insulin, 5 c.c. (20 units per c.c.)	1 doz.
Sapo Mollis	10 lbs.
Dettol	5 gallons in drum
Ethyl Chloride for local and general anaesthesia	6 tubes of 30 c.c. each.

DENTAL MATERIALS.

2 lbs each of Ash's wax for base plates, Alston brown dental rubber, quick vulcanising brown rubber, De Trey Gum Pink Rubber No. 12 Plaster of Paris 2 cwt.

GOVERNOR.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary,

To Magistrate, South Georgia.

Despatched : 4th September, 19 39. *Time :* ...

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

No. 38. Please arrange for a 24 hour watch to be
maintained at the Wireless Station until further orders.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor,

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched : 4th September, 19 39. *Time :* ...

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

No. 72. I request that you will inform the Falkland Island Company that at my urgent request Goddard is acting temporarily as Senior Naval Officer and that his continued supervision of Company's interests and farm permitted.

GOVERNOR

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor,

To Commander-in-Chief, America & West Indies,
Commodore, South America Station.

Despatched : 4th September, 19 39 *Time :* ...

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

Falkland Islands Defence Scheme Coast Watching
Stations required. I have substituted Lively Island
for Speedwell Island.

GOVERNOR+.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor,

To Admiralty, London,
Commander-in-Chief, America & West Indies.
Commodore, South America Station.

Despatched: 4th September, 1939. *Time:* ...

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

Nucleus contraband control service in operation also
local examination service in force.

GOVERNOR.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor,

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched : 4th September, 1939. Time : ...
Received : ... 19 Time : ...

No. 70. Reference to Defence Scheme Ch. (111) (c)

Section 3 (a) dispatch of vessel to Montevideo postponed .

Will not arrive Montevideo until 12th September.

GOVERNOR.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor,

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched: 4th September, 19 39. *Time:* ...

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

No 71

Defence Scheme Chapter III (n) paragraph 10 am I to
expect ships mentioned therein and will they bring the
constructional and Medical stores referred to in Chapter
IV Tables F.M. please see paragraph 6 of Table F.

GOVERNOR.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Consul General, New York,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 4th September, 19 39. *Time* : 1637.

Received : 4th September, 19 39. *Time* : 2115.

Governor Falkland Islands Commander in Chief South Atlantic
(all sea route) Montevideo Naval Attache Buenos Aires
Commodore Commanding, South America Division, America
and West Indies Squadron, from Naval Officer in Charge
Halifax N.S. It is desired to arrange for five naval
ratings from H.M.S. Berwick detailed for the Falkland
Islands Wireless Telegraphy Station to travel by air from
New York via Montevideo at first opportunity. Ratings
are in possession naval uniform only authenticity names, etc.,
of the men have been despatched by letter in detail.

Total weight luggage amounts 540 lbs. Passports I
think will be arranged for U.S. only and it is requested
necessary visa may (might) be obtained at New York.
Request you confirm that U.S. authorities will agree and
the information date ratings should arrive New York.
All arrangements are being made by Naval Officer in
Charge, Halifax, U.S.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 4th September, 19 39. *Time :* 2222.

Received : 5th September, 19 39. *Time :* 0945.

Circular No. 41. Secret. In my telegram of September 1st regarding mobilisation Air Force phrase "Air Force reservists" should be read as applying to Air Force Reserve. Officers have already received individual instructions.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor,

To Navycom, Bermuda.

Despatched : 5th September, 19 39. *Time* : ...

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

From Governor, Falkland Islands, to Commander-in-Chief,
America and West Indies Station. Naval ratings from
H.M.S. Berwick detailed for Falkland Islands Wireless
Telegraph Station. I suggest that two would suffice
to supplement existing staff of five. New receiving
and transmitting set essential however. Party should
arrive Montevideo before sixteenth September to travel
by steamship Lafonia which must sail that day.

GOVERNOR.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 4th September, 1939. *Time:* 1345.

Received: 4th September, 1939. *Time:* 1915.

Circular No. 59. Secret. My telegram No. 21 Circular August 30th.

Following immediate financial measures are being taken in the United Kingdom.

Exchange control regulations have now been made. Order is being made exempting from provisions regulation 2 in summary included in my telegram under reference (i.e. Regulations Restricting the Export of Currency, Gold and Securities) transactions under regulation 2 (i) (b) with any part of the Empire except at all Newfoundland Hong Kong and Sudan/^{to}which special consideration applies.

The effect is to liberate exchange transactions of the Empire (except for places mentioned above).

Please now bring into force Finance Regulations outlined in my telegram under reference and make an Order similar to that described in present telegram so as to secure an area of free exchange within the Empire.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

TELEGRAM.

From The Right Honourable Malcolm MacDonald, M.P.
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 5th September, 19 39. *Time:* ...

Received: 5th September, 19 39. *Time:* 1100.

Circular No. 40. The following is a personal message from me to all Colonial Territories. Please arrange for instructions to be given for suitable publicity. Text begins.

I know that while war clouds were hanging threateningly over us the people of the British lands overseas were hoping fervently for the maintenance of peace with all its blessings, yet were preparing calmly and resolutely for the supreme test of war, if it should arise. Our knowledge of the feelings of millions of our fellow citizens in Colonial Territories has sustained us in Great Britain's efforts for peace and steeled us in our own preparation for war. Unhappily the work of peacemakers has been finally thwarted and we have been forced to enter into hostilities not only to honour our obligations to friends but to secure the survival of good faith and liberty amongst civilised peoples. We in the United Kingdom are prepared to make whatever sacrifice may be necessary in the course of this struggle. We shall be ever mindful of those in Colonial Territories who are sharing in our task and our burden. Our sympathy and sense of comradeship with you will be constant. In the words of H.M. the King, "let us all stand calm and firm and united in this time of trial". Long and happy association of so many people of different Races and Creeds under the British Crown is itself the best proof that ideals of peacefulness and fruitful co-operation between diverse people who are willing to understand and respect each other, is attainable; and that knowledge will fortify us in our fight to secure the establishment of that ideal in a wider world.

MALCOLM MACDONALD.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor,

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched: 5th September, 1939. Time: ...

Received: 19... Time: ...

No. 73. Secret. My telegram No. 45 Secret G.F. 3 Pdr. hotchkiss steel shells. Your telegram No. 38 Secret 12 Pdr. gun and ammunition outfit request that these stores may be shipped first opportunity. Following additional armament stores also required earliest possible date

- (1) 10,000 rounds Tracer .303 Mk. VII
- (2) 200,000 rounds .303 Mk. VII Ammunition
- (3) 200 rounds 12 Pdr. H.E. Fuzed and one sight complete for 12 Pdr. G.F. 8 cwt Field Gun E.C.C. No. 1227 Mk. I
- (4) 150 A.P. shell Mk. III with plug for 6" B.L. or G.F. Mk. VII Gun
- (5) 150 base percussion fuzes No. 11 Mk. IV
- (6) 250 V/S percussion tubes .4 for Mk. VII 6" Gun
- (7) 200 half charges $11\frac{1}{2}$ pounds cordite M.C. size 16.

GOVERNOR.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor

To Navycom Bermuda.

Despatched : 5th September, 19 39. Time : ...

Received : 19 ... Time : ...

From Governor, Falklands, following telegram has been sent to Secretary of State for the Colonies begins:-

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- (4) 150 A.P. shell Mk. III with plug for 6" B.L. or G.F. Mk. VII Gun
- (5) 150 base percussion fuzes No. 11 Mk. IV
- (6) 250 V/S percussion tubes .4 for Mk. VII 6" Gun
- (7) 200 half charges 11½ pounds cordite M.C. size 16.

GOVERNOR.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

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

Despatched : 5th September, 59. ...
... .. 19 Time :
Received : 19 Time :

No. 64. Secret. Grateful if War Office could be requested to supply following signal apparatus urgently required 6 Lamps, signalling daylight short range, dismounted services, complete with all spares, battery boxes and stands, helio or lamp (A.Mk.III) 300 cells inert, S. Mk. I, 48 bulbs 10-volt A, 24 bulbs, 10-volt, W.

GOVERNOR.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 5th September, 19 39. *Time :* ...

Received : 5th September, 19 39 *Time :* ...

I have been gratified to receive many messages indicating loyal support and co-operation which will be given by inhabitants in Colonial Territories to this Country in present war.

I should be grateful however if you would telegraph me briefly summary general reaction inhabitants of Territory under your Administration towards news of outbreak of war. Please indicate in particular whether there is evidence or whether you anticipate any lack of solidarity on the part of any important section of the population or inspiration as to whether decision of H.M. Government to go to war was justified.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To

~~His Excellency the Governor.~~

Despatched :

19

Time :

Received : 7th September,

19 39.

Time : 0615.

7th September,

39.

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No. 57. Warrant constituting Prize Courts should be made effective by issue by you as Vice Admiral of Proclamation under section No. 2 subsection 2 of Prize Courts Acts, 1894.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Admiralty, London,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 6th September, 1939. Time : 0030.

Received : 6th September, 1939. Time :

Captain-in-Charge, Bermuda.

Commodore Malaya, Whirlwind, FOCRIN for repetition to Calcutta.

C-in-C, Nore, C-in-C. Portsmouth, C-in-C, Plymouth, C-in-C.

Rosyth, C-in-C, China, C-in-C East Indies, C-in-C, Africa

C-in-C America & West Indies Station.

Vessels taken up locally for the Admiralty should be ballasted at the discretion of local constructive officers supervising filling out who should issue the necessary instructions to the Captains of each vessel for the working of oil and water ballast. The amount of permanent ballast added should be reported with estimated metacentric height in the worst conditions.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 6th September, 19 39. Time : 0234.

Received : 6th September, 19 39. Time :

Circular unnumbered Secret. Circular release of Colonial Officials for War service my despatch 31st August Circular Confidential now in transit deals with the conditions to be applied to all pensionable and non local recruits Officers who are released for War Service. The following is a summary of conditions :-

- (a) Civil appointments will be kept open until their return from War Service.
- (b) Period of War Service will count for Colonial Pension Increment and Seniority.
- (c) War Service pay will be made up if necessary to full Colonial Salaries which such Officers would receive on leave by from Dependency concerned.
- (d) Full Colonial Pension and Widow and Orphans Pension right will be secured, as announced injury addition to pension would be made.
- (e) These conditions will not apply to any Officer unless he has been released by permission of the Officer Administering the Government concerned. These conditions may be applied in grant-aided Territories, and I shall be glad to learn by telegraph whether Government non-grant-aided Territories will apply them to their Officers in similar circumstances.

Officers of Colonial Audit Department may only be released with my permission, but would receive similar conditions to other Officers. You are being invited in Circular Despatch to consider whether, and if so to what extent proposed can be applied to local recruits, Pensionable Officers and to Officers serving and to Provident Fund terms.

In the general question release of Officers for Military Service you should bear in mind governing considerations set out in last paragraph of my telegram No. 9 Circular Secret August 26th.

In any case the recruiting position in this country is not such as to indicate the need for haste in releasing persons who are usefully employed.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor,

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched : 7th September, 19 39. *Time :* ...

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

No. 76. Reference your telegram No. 57 I have not been appointed Vice Admiral of the Colony as far as I am aware and I have therefore no powers under Prize Courts Act, 1894.

GOVERNOR.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 7th September, 19 39. *Time* : 0100.

Received : 7th September, 19 39. *Time* :

No. 36. Your telegram No. 69 has been laid before His Majesty the King who has commanded me to request you to convey to the people of the Falkland Islands an expression of the deep appreciation with which he has received their loyal message.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor,

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched : 7th September, 19 39. *Time :* ...

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

SNAIL

GOVERNOR.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From..... Rio de Janeiro,

To..... His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 7th September, 19 39. Time : 1410.

Received : 7th September, 19 39. Time :

From Commodore, Commanding South Atlantic Division, America
and West Indies Squadron.

Request you will report to Admiralty by cypher telegram
stocks at Admiralty's Oil Fuel Depot now and subsequently
each week to arrive Admiralty by Sunday. Quote Admiralty
message 2026 September 3rd and July 27th (s follows) (1)
Furnace Oil (2) Diesel Oil (3) Coal (4) Aviation fuel (5)
Aircraft lubricating Oil.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 8th September, 19 39. *Time :* 0200.

Received : 8th September, 19 39. *Time :*

Your unnumbered telegram. Message in question cannot be identified here. Suggest you ask cable Company for name of sender.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

◆ DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 3th September, 19 39. *Time :* 0100.

Received : 3th September, 19 39. *Time :*

No. 44. My telegram No. 38 Circular Swiss Government has at the request of German Government arranged for their Diplomatic and Consular Services to take charge German interests.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 8th September, 19 39. *Time :* 0225.

Received : 8th September, 19 39. *Time :*

See Defence Scheme put into force "contraband restrictions
with following variation nil.

SECRETARY OF STATE.



DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Commodore Commanding the South Atlantic Division
of the America and West Indies Squadron.
To His Excellency the Governor of the Falkland Islands.

Despatched : 7th September, 19 39. Time : 1423.

Received : 7th September, 19 39. Time :

H.M.S. "Exeter", H.M.S. "Ajax" and possibly other ships will be visiting the Falkland Islands separately at about two weekly intervals commencing on about October 3rd. At each visit it is most desirable that they should embark fresh provisions before again proceeding on patrol. I know the difficulties but I request that you will try and arrange importation from Chile or Montevideo and that you will try and maintain the necessary stocks.

A visit from a cruiser would automatically require :-

<u>BEEF</u> - Fresh	2000 lbs.
<u>MUTTON</u> - Fresh	1000 lbs.
<u>POTATONS</u>	15000 lbs.
<u>CARROTS</u>	400 lbs.
<u>TURNIPS</u>	400 lbs.
<u>BEETROOT</u>	400 lbs.
<u>CUCUMBER</u>	200 lbs.
<u>CABBAGE</u>	2000 lbs.
<u>ONIONS</u>	1000 lbs.
<u>TOMATOES</u>	500 lbs.
<u>APPLES</u>	100 lbs.
<u>EGGS</u>	9000
<u>ORANGES</u>	5000

All these should be adjusted as you find you can provide then
Destroyers requirements will be :-

<u>BEEF</u> - fresh	1000 lbs.	<u>CARROTS</u>	100 lbs.
<u>MUTTON</u> - fresh	300 lbs.	<u>TURNIPS</u>	100 lbs.
<u>POTATOES</u>	2000 lbs.	<u>BUTTER</u>	100 lbs.
<u>ONIONS</u>	300 lbs.	<u>TOMATOES</u>	50 lbs.
<u>CABBAGE</u>	300 lbs.	<u>EGGS</u>	1500
<u>ORANGES</u>	300.		

These quantities should again be adjusted as you are able to provide them.

TELEGRAM.

From Sierra Leone,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched :	8th September,	19 39.	Time :	1520.
Received :	8th September,	19 39.	Time :

Admiralty No. 39 repeated to Governor, Sierra Leone
 " Gold Coast
 " Perim
 " Falkland Islands.

Naval Officer in Charge Simonstown (for acting) Commander-in-Chief, South Atlantic desirous of following received from Naval Attaché Buenos Aires begins :-

Following from reliable secret source that strongly suspect concentration German residents in South Argentine to be embarked as a force. Three German ships to co-operate: General Artigas which is ta sea, Monte Pascoal due to leave six hours September 8th and Gloria which is raising steam. All ships have bunkers full.- 16000 capacity - excess provisions and extra 53 crew signed on here.

Fast four-engined FOCKE WULF of Condor air line making reconnaissance flights over River Plate and presumed to have given all clear to General Artigas.

At 6.30 hours September 7th German ship Parana in this port released two carrier pigeons and has others on board

Reported to Commodore Commanding South America Division, America and West Indies Squadron and H.M.S. "Ajax".

Message ends.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Bermuda,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 8th September, 19 39. *Time :* ...

Received : 8th September, 19 39. *Time :* ...

To the Governor of the Falkland Islands from the Commander-in-Chief of the America and West Indies Station.

I request that you will address any messages affecting naval matters to the Commander-in-Chief of the South Atlantic and not to the Commander-in-Chief, America and West Indies Station.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Buenos Aires,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 9th September, 19 39. ^{Time :} 0135.

Received : 9th September, 19 39. ^{Time :}

Begins:- Furtherance yesterday's. Following sent today
to Naval Attache to Commodore.

If you consider Falkland Islands Garrison requires
strengthening could send a number of ex-service men by
Lafonia sailing Montevideo September 16th. Arms would
have to be provided concurrently by one of H.M. Ships. ends.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Buenos Aires,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 9th September, 19 39 Time : 0050.

Received : 9th September, 19 39 Time :

Following from His Majesty's Charge d'affaires at Buenos Aires
to Governor Falkland Islands. Begins:-

There seems a possibility that a number of Germans are
being concentrated in Southern Argentine for embarkation.
Following ships may be employed General Artigas 11000 tons
Monte Pascoal 14000 Gloria 60000 tons.

Commodore has been informed from time to time.

TELEGRAM

H.E.the Governor.

To H.M.Charge d'Affaires, Buenos Aires.

Dated 9th September 1939

Your telegram No. 55. Concentration of Germans for embarkation in Southern Argentine. It appears probable that the capture of the Colony is the objective. It is essential that I should receive earliest possible news of the whereabouts and movements of the ships referred to. Please telegraph immediately port from which embarkation is taking place Ends.

Governor.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From SIMONSTOWN IMMEDIATE 00.30 10th Sepbr 39

To GOVERNOR FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Despatched : ... 19 Time :

Received : 00.30 10th Sepbr 1939 19 Time :

ADMIRALTY FOR COMMANDER IN CHIEF SOUTH ATLANTIC AND
GOVERNOR FALKLAND ISLANDS following for H.M.S."Ajax" from
Commodore Commanding S.A.Division, America and West
Indies Squadron, following received from Naval Attache
Buenos Aires - Begins

If you consider Falkland Islands Garrison requires
strengthening could send number of ex-service men
by "Lafonia" leaving September 16th. Arms would have to
be provided by one of H.M. Ships Ends.

Provided Ambassador Buenos Aires raise no political
objection I recommend this, ask approval for H.M.S."Ajax" to
land necessary rifles and ammunition and as many machine
and Lewis guns as can be spared.

His Excellency the Governor,

Will Your Excellency authorize the sending of a telegram to the British Minister asking him to cause the Agents to be informed at that Port of the sailing of the s.s. "Lafonia" and also to inform us when she sails and probable date of arrival here. The Company cannot send a telegram except in commercial codes which are not safe for reporting movements of vessels.

M.C.H.

C.S.

5.9.39

Yes to be sent in ~~Port~~ ^{department's} Code
on the 10th instant

~~W.H.H.~~ 7/9/39

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				10. 9. 39.
				10. 9. 39.

To

PRODROME .

MONTEVIDEO .

UPIGC	USNFK	HAEND	OCACK	OKZCF	ORPDX	ACPIP	OKZHR
LTFPU	KAPGR	AZFIV	PCNIE	EPZVF	ABABY	LTFSK	LBILG
DTPIM	RSSCT	LEEOK	AZFIV	DTURS	BIASG	GNOGG	

Telegraphed to V/H/T Station at 1055 on 10. 9. 39

Time

▲ DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor,

To British Minister, Montevideo. —

Despatched: 10th September, 19 39. *Time:* ...

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

"Lafoña" sailed 7th September arrive about 11th September
please inform MacLean and Stapledon. Please inform me of
date vessel leaves on return and date of probable arrival
here.

GOVERNOR.

COPY

Time despatched 1630 G.M.T. 11th September 1939.

TO GOVERNOR FALKLAND ISLANDS.

FROM H.M.S. "AJAX"

Governor Falkland Islands from H.M.S. "Ajax". Expect to arrive 1430 Tuesday September 12th.

Request oil fuel alongside immediately. Weather prevailing aircraft may be flown off before arrival.

Have nine officers and twenty-four men from sunken German steamer to land. They have no warm clothing.

1DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 8th September, 19 39. *Time :* 1553.

Received : 8th September, 19 39. *Time :*

No. 58. Confidential. My Despatch No. 49 Frozen Mutton.

Understand Gildemiesters are likely to be black listed
as a German Firm. Suggest you make early arrangements to
open negotiations British Firm if you have not already
done so.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 3th September, 1939. *Time :* 1520.

Received : 8th September, 1939. *Time :*

Circular No. 46. Secret. My telegram Circular Secret.

Telegrams mentioned in paragraph 2 should be sent in
Government Telegraph Code unless in particular cases
subject matter appears to necessitate cypher.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 8th September, 1939. Time : 0805.

Received : 8th September, 1939. Time :

Circular No. 45. Paragraph 1. Act has been passed here entitled Pensions (Navy, Army, Air Force and Mercantile Marine) Act, 1939, under which Minister of Pensions is empowered to apply Naval War Pension Order to Merchant Seamen and Fishermen in respect of War injuries and Board of Trade to pay compensation to such seamen in respect of loss of effects held serviceable to war action.

Paragraph 2. Brief arrangements made as regards Pensions Order is that compensation would be payable to Officers and men in respect of death and disablement due to War injuries, to be based not upon wages but on scheme of compensation applicable to Officers and men of Navy, ranks in Mercantile Marine being graded with Naval ranks according to different size of ships. Example of Pensions for 100% disablement are,

Masters of ships exceeding 10,000 tons gross £250 a year,

A B all ships 32/6 a week.

Compensation would also be payable in respect of capture and detention.

Paragraph 3. As regards compensation for loss of effects through war peril, scheme will be on similar lines to that which was in operation in the last war. It will be one direct compensation and not of insurance. Amount of compensation if all effects are lost will range from £100 for Masters to £7. 10s. for seamen and firemen, with lower rate for coloured Seamen. Arrangements will be made for prompt settlement of such claims so as to avoid hardship to personnel.

Paragraph 4. Full details will follow by mail as soon as possible. In the meanwhile however the question has/

has been considered whether above scheme should be made applicable to British Ships on Colonial Register. It is obviously desirable that such ships should be covered by arrangements proposed. Accordingly the conclusion has been reached that a scheme should be drawn up so as to cover all British ships on Colonial Registers. It will follow that the legal recourse of Masters and crews of such ships, whether for payments in respect of death, disablement, detention or loss of effects, will be against the United Kingdom Government; but I have felt justified in agreeing as a general rule expenditure will be refunded by Colonial Governments in whose Territories the ship is Registered excepting where authority is obtained from the Treasury to waive recovery. It has been agreed that such authority will not be unreasonably withheld in cases where Colonial Government concerned can show a charge to Colony would be inequitable e.g. because Registration in Colony is a matter of convenience, the interests being elsewhere or because ship has been requisitioned by order from United Kingdom Authorities.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 8th September, 19 39. *Time* : 0945.

Received : 8th September, 19 39. *Time* :

Circular No. 43. Secret Circular Secret. The following is a summary of the arrangements which is being adopted here as regards the Censorship of Diplomatic and Consular messages :.

- (a) Telegraphic Messages :- for the time being all Allied and Neutral Cables in Code, Cypher or any language passing between Diplomatic Representatives and their respective Governments and between such representatives themselves should be allowed to pass uncensored and without being detained. In places where there is no Diplomatic body representative of a Government, the Senior Consular representative of that Government should be given privileges of Diplomatic representation. In a Territory where there is more than one Consular Post of a Government the heads of such posts (except one entitled to privileges as serving conference) may correspond in Code, Cypher or in any language. They may correspond with Consular Officer entitled to privileges as Quininal Representative but not with each other.
- (b) Telephonic Messages :- Consuls are not to be allowed to telephone outside Territories to which they are appointed
- (c) Postal Communications:- further instructions will be issued as soon as possible on this subject. You should bring above arrangements into effect in so far as Territory under your Administration is concerned.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

4) DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 9th September, 1939. *Time :* 1843.

Received : 9th September, 19 39. *Time :*

See Preface Defence Scheme Aircraft Prize Act Passed.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor,

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

<i>Despatched :</i>	9th September,	19	<i>Time :</i>	2140.
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<i>Received :</i>	...	19	<i>Time :</i>
		
		

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GOVERNOR.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 10th September, 19 39 *Time :* 1424.

Received : 10th September, 19 39. *Time :*

Circular No. 48. Following **communique** by War Cabinet was issued to Press yesterday evening (September 9th) and is repeated for information. (Begins)

At their meeting this morning the War Cabinet decided to base their policy upon assumption that the War will last for three years or more. Instructions are being issued to all Government Departments to insure plans for future shall at once be prepared on this assumption. In the meantime the measures for which preparation are being brought fully into active operation. In furtherance expended defence programmes that are already operating, Ministry Supply will forthwith take the necessary steps to ensure that productive capacity for munitions of all kinds is increased on a scale required to meet every possible demand. Corresponding arrangements are being made by Admiralty and Air Ministry.

In great National effort which is implicate in War Cabinet decision, civil needs of country will be born in mind as well as importance of maintaining export trade.

War Cabinet are confident this significant decision will meet with whole-hearted support of British people and will be welcomed by our Allies and Friends.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor,

To Naval Commander-in-Chief, Simonstown.

Despatched : 10th September, 19 39. *Time :* 0845.

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

Following for Commodore South American Division America and
West Indies Squadron.

Reinforcements of arms and munitions as proposed would be
very welcome to me.

GOVERNOR.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor,

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched : 11th September, 19 39. *Time :* 1418.

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

SOAP.

GOVERNOR.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched 11th September, 1939. *Time* 1038.

Received : 11th September, 1939. *Time* ...

See Preface Defence Scheme Air Navigation (Amendment) Order
made.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 11th September, 19 39. *Time :* 1755.

Received : 11th September, 19 39. *Time :*

No. 61. Secret. Your telegram No. 71. I am in consultation with Admiralty and will telegraph further as soon as possible.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

 DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 11th September, 1939. *Time* : 1755.

Received : 11th September, 1939. *Time* :

Circular No. 50. Secret. My Circular Despatch Secret
of May 12th. Trading with Enemy. Legislation should be
brought into force forthwith if it has not already been
done.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

No.33 from London Words 9 Time 0132 .13/9/39

To H.E.the Governor.

Important. Unnumbered your telegram No.73 please repeat from 5 to Mark IV inclusive.

Secretary of State.

Reply

From H.E.the Governor

13th Sepbr 1939

to the Secretary of State.

Your telegram unnumbered reference my telegram No.73 repeat of 5 is as follows
150 base percussion fuzes No.II Mk.IV.

GOVERNOR.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

From

His Excellency the Governor.

To

	<u>13th September,</u>	<u>39.</u>	<u>1015.</u>
<i>Despatched :</i>	19	<i>Time :</i>	
	13th September,	39.
<i>Received :</i>	19	<i>Time :</i>	

0062. Secret grateful if form and voucher enclosed in my
despatch of 6th May Secret naval armaments could be returned
as soon as possible.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 13th September, 19 39. *Time* : 1305.

Received : 13th September, 19 39. *Time* :

No. 63. Why have I not received acknowledgement of my
aircraft seizure telegram of 3rd September,

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor,

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched : 13th September, 1939. *Time :* 1542.

Received : 13th September 19... *Time :*

With reference to your telegram dated 13th September No. 63 enemy aircraft. I regret omission to acknowledge your telegram of 3rd September.

GOVERNOR.

■ DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 13th September, 19 39. *Time :* 2315.

Received : 13th September, 19 39. *Time :*

No. 64. Order in Council dated 2nd September, 1939.

Replace Prize Court Rules 1914 by Prize Court Rules 1939
copies of which are being forwarded by the first
opportunity.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 13th September, 19 39. *Time* : 1034.

Received : 13th September, 19 39. *Time* :

Circular No. 51 referring to my telegram of 2nd September
Ship and Aircraft (Transfer Restriction) Act.

Board of Trade has issued general approval transfer
of a ship to which Act applies from Port of Registry in
any of Countries in Section 11 (1) of Chapter Act to
another Port of Registry in that country and of transfer
of Port of Registry of a ship to which Act applies many
countries in Section 11 (1) of Act (other than United
Kingdom) to Port of Registry in United Kingdom. Hence
there will be no need for any application in respect of
transfer of the nature summarised above referred to Board
of Trade.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

<i>Despatched :</i>	14th September,	19 39.	<i>Time :</i>	1810.
<i>Received :</i>	14th September,	19 39.	<i>Time :</i>

Circular No. 53 My Secret telegram Circular No. 33 Export Licences. In referring cases to me for advice amount of consignment in question should be stated in addition to destination nationality ship, etc.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 15th September, 19 39. Time : 0555.

Received : 15th September, 19 39. Time :

No. 66. Circular. Paragraph 1. A number of Colonial Governments have enacted or have under consideration Ordinances providing for either compulsory Military Service in the accepted sense of that term or for compulsory Personal Service i.e. requiring persons to perform service for need of Local Defence.

Paragraph 2. In order to insure uniformity on certain important points I request that if such Legislation is contemplated an outline of its provisions (or if time permits a Draft Bill) should be submitted to me for consideration beforehand.

Paragraph 3. If it is desired to make provision for such compulsory service (i.e. Military Service or Personal Service) this ought to have been done by Special Legislation and not by issue of Regulations under Emergency Powers (Defence) Act.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 15th September, 19 39. *Time* : 1715.

Received : 15th September, 19 39. *Time* :

Circular No. 54. Confidential Financial. It must be appreciated that, as the strain of a prolonged war on Empire resources is likely to be great all expenditure by Government (indeed by general public) should, as far as possible be avoided which (a) involved use of foreign exchange (as to this see my Circular telegram No. 21 of August 29th) or (b) creates demand for unessential goods and so deflects men, material and shipping from war purposes. In this connection you will appreciate that it will be very desirable to replace imported goods of all kinds especially foodstuffs by local produce whenever possible.

Paragraph 2 Subject to considerations at (a) and (b) above I should like to see present activities of the Government continue on the scale at present approved or in contemplation, in all cases where no difficulty is seen in financing them from local revenue. But in those Colonies where difficulty is already being experienced or is likely to be experienced in balancing the budget, or where Colony is already in receipt of Treasury assistance, I should be glad of an indication as early as possible of the nature of economies you would be forced to introduce were you to be called upon to carry on without Treasury assistance of Colonial Development Fund Money for the period of the War.

Paragraph 3 I am anxious to see existing social service and development activities disturbed as little as possible, both because serious retrenchment and consequential curtailment of services might have very unfortunate effects on Colonial peoples and also because on grounds of policy it is important to maintain our reputation for enlightened Colonial Administration. In particular I am anxious to

avoid any retrenchment of personnel.

Paragraph 4 The information asked for in Paragraph 2 is required merely to assist me in discussion with Treasury and does not indicate any decisions on major questions of policy involved. In any event no retrenchment or curtailment of services should be undertaken pending further instructions.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched : 16th September, 19 39. *Time :* 1025.

Received : 16th September. 19 39 *Time :*

Your unnumbered of 16th September having reference to local feeling in respect to war no objection to publication.

GOVERNOR.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 16th September 19 39 *Time :* 1015.

Received : 16th September, 19 39. *Time :*

Circular unnumbered Secret. Please arrange for any enemy aliens employed on a British Ship other than a ship on Dominion Register calling at a Port in your Territory to be moved and interned if that course is practicable. Further instructions will be sent as soon as possible with regard to the procedure of the case of enemy aliens on neutral ships and for the present no action should be taken in regard to them

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From H.B.M.Consul Monte video.

To Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : 18th September 19 39 *Time :* 1.10/18

Received : 18th September. 19 *Time :*

Your Z telegram September 5th please telegraph whether
Stores ordered for Government are to be insured here.

H .M.CONSUL.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 18th September, 19 39. *Time :* 2235.

Received : 18th September, 19 39. *Time :*

No. 70. Secret. My Secret Circular Despatch No.

of May 19th. Has the Information Officer been appointed.
If so, please name.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 18th September, 19 39. *Time :* 1720.

Received : 18th September, 19 39. *Time :*

No. 69. My telegram Secret unnumbered of September 5th.

Release Colonial Officials for service. Should be grateful :
early reply.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 18th September, 19 39. *Time :* 1830.

Received : 18th September, 19 39. *Time :*

Circular unnumbered. Use of one code test in word in telegrams for certain proved Banks. The privilege is at present being allowed to all British and French and American Banks.

Chief Telegraph Censor has decided privilege should be extended to all Banking telegrams and Censors in United Kingdom are being instructed accordingly.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

● DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 19th September 19 39. *Time :* 1420.

Received : 19th September 19 39. *Time :*

Circular No. 57. My Circular telegram No. 33 paragraph 2 Until further notice licences may be issued for exports to China and Japan at your discretion. You should however continue to consult me before granting any export licences for Russia.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 20th September, 19 39. *Time :* 1730.

Received : 20th September, 19 39. *Time :*

No. 71. When copy of Prize Court Rules 1939 are received I would wish prompt consideration be given to questions of local application order number 43 Rule 2.

It is clearly desirable that scale of fees to be taken in Prize matter by Court and its Officers should be uniform in all British Prize Courts and I trust it will be found possible to adapt locally the scale provided for in Order 43 Rule 2 (a).

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 21st September, 19 39. *Time :* 0150.

Received : 21st September, 19 39. *Time :*

Circular telegram No. 59 My Circular despatch of May 15th
Prisoners of War Regulations as sent to you in Draft
have been authorised by Royal Warrant dated September 6th,
1939.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor,

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched : 21st September, 19 39. *Time*

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

No..88. No Colonial Officials of this Administration
applying for release for war service. Conditions referred
to in your Secret telegram of 6th September are acceptable
to this Government.

GOVERNOR.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

S/4/29

From Colonial Secretary,

To Magistrate, South Georgia.

Despatched : 23rd September, 19 39. *Time :* ...

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

No. 40. Secret. Your telegram No. 50 the German nationals referred to must not land at South Georgia but must return by first opportunity. Please report when vessel is returning to Buenos Aires so that British Consul can be notified.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 23rd September, 19 39. *Time :* 1145.

Received : 23rd September, 19 39. *Time :* 1200.

No. 72. Please telegraph whether Prize Court has been proclaimed and who has been authorised to act as proper Officer of the Crown. As and when Prize proceedings are instituted I would wish to be informed by telegram giving:-
(1) date of writ (2) number and title of cause.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

<i>Despatched :</i>	23rd September,	19	<i>Time :</i>	0035.
		39.		
<i>Received :</i>	23rd September,	19	<i>Time :</i>
		39.		

Confidential Circular telegram No. 65. My Circular telegram No. 62 Paragraph 3 Supplementary Budget will be introduced here on September 27th.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary,

To Magistrate, South Georgia.

Despatched : 25th September, 19 39. *Time :* ...

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

No. 41. Arrange for complete dismantling of radio
telegraph apparatus on enemy vessels if any.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary,

To Magistrate, South Georgia.

Despatched : 25th September, 19 39. *Time :* ...

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

No. 42. The exportation of the following goods domestically produced foodstuffs and all raw materials or their shipment as ships stores on vessels proceeding to the destinations or ports in question is prohibited as follows:- to all ports and destinations abroad, other than ports and destinations in any part of His Majesty's dominions, or any territory under His Majesty's protection or in respect of which a mandate is exercised by one of His Majesty's Governments. Provided that this order shall not apply to any exportation (or shipment as ships stores) which shall be expressly permitted by a licence given by you under the authority of this Government.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	PSY STAT			23/9/39
To	(NLT)	BRITISH BROADCASTING CORPORATION		
		LONDON		

DECLARATION OF WAR RECEIVED NINE THIRTY MORNING THIRD SEPTEMBER MUCH
SATISFACTION THROUGHOUT FALKLANDS AS TERMINATION PERIOD OF HUMILIATION
FULLSTOP LIABILITY COMPULSORY MILITARY SERVICE EIGHTEEN TO FORTYONE
ENFORCED DEFENCE FORCE CALLED OUT COMPLETED MANNING DEFENCES SAME
NIGHT INCLUDING OUTPOSTS AND COAST WATCHING STATIONS TYPICAL SCENE
N C O THREE MEN IN CIVIL LIFE A STEVEDORE STEWARD SHOP ASSISTANT LABOURER
LANDED ON BEACH EIGHT THIRTY BLACK NIGHT BLINDING SNOWSTORM TWENTY FOUR
HOURS RATIONS AND BUCKET COAL TEN POST MOUNTAINSIDE TWO HALF HOURS
SCRAMBLING STUMBLING ROCKS AND BOGS TO COVER MILE TO HUT UNMANNED SINCE
LAST WAR STOVE ALMOST UNUSABLE SOAKED FROZEN FORTYEIGHT HOURS BEFORE
CLOTHES DRIED SENTRY DUTIES MAINTAINED ARCTIC CONDITIONS CHEERFULLY
BORNE NO COMPLAINTS OR REPRESENTATIONS ENDS

ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT

Cleared to London 0230/23/9/39

Time

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Governor

To Secretary of State.

Despatched : September 25th 1939 Time :

Received : 19 Time :

No. 90. Your telegram No. 72 Prize Court was proclaimed
on the 11th September stop Hoare Magistrate has been
appointed to act as Proper Officer of the Crown.

Governor.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 25th September, 19 39. Time : 0400.

Received : 25th September, 19 39. Time :

Circular Telegram No. 66 Secret Foodstuffs. You have no doubt carefully studied O.D.C. memorandum No. 697/M regarding Colonial Food Supplies in time of War.

The passage of time between the preparation of the memorandum and the present date has made it more apparent than ever that it will be essential to be as economical as possible with any foodstuffs which may normally be imported into territory with which you are concerned from this Country.

2. For your guidance the following foodstuffs are likely to be available from this country only on a reduced and in some cases on a severely reduced scale :- Maize and Maize products, Oils and Fats of all kinds especially edible oils, Butter and Margarine, Meat Products of all kinds including Bacon and Ham, Fish, Cheese and Eggs.

3. As foreshadowed in O.D.C. memorandum in order to reduce demands for foodstuffs from this country to a minimum it may be necessary for Colonial Governments to consider (in cases where there is a considerable degree of dependence such) (a) further development of home production (b) exploration of alternative sources of supply primarily from other near by Colonies or secondarily from countries with favourable exchange (c) rationing if necessary. My Agricultural Adviser has been studying (a) and I hope to send out a memorandum on the subject shortly.

4. Further I hope to have in active preparation a draft telegram which takes from Colonial trade returns the most important foodstuffs imports of various Colonial Territories, give some indication of the degree to which supplies from this country will continue to be available.

5. On the receipt and in the light of the above mentioned telegram I shall ask you to telegraph your minimum monthly

requirements from this country. I am aware that in many cases you have reported by Despatch on this as a result O.D.C. memorandum referred to above but in the changed circumstances of the war I have not found these reports always to contain exactly what is needed here. Meanwhile I must ask you not to supply request for supplies of foodstuffs from this country in excess of what is absolutely necessary.

6. Finally it is desirable that you should arrange a system whereby all orders for foodstuffs from this country within the minimum programme of the territory with which you are concerned should bear the indorsement of some appropriate authority on your behalf in order that the authorities here may give their priority.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

TELEGRAM.

Magistrate South Georgia.
From Colonial Secretary.
Date 29th Sep tember, 1939.

During the continuance of the war or until further notice the articles enumerated in Schedule I will be treated as absolute contraband and the articles enumerated in Schedule II will be ~~xxx~~ treated as conditional contraband. Schedule I (a) All kinds of arms, ammunition, explosives, chemicals or appliances suitable for use in chemical warfare, and machines for their manufacture or repairs; component p arts thereof; articles necessary or convenient for their use; materials or ingredients used in their manufacture; articles necessary or convenient for the production or use of such materials or ingredients. (b) Fuel of all kinds; all contrivances for, or means of, transportation on land, in the water or air, and machines used in their manufacture or repairs; component parts thereof, instruments, articles or animals necessary or convenient for their use; materials or ingredients used in their manufacture; articles necessary or convenient for the production or use of such materials or ingredients. (c) All means of communication, tools, implements, instruments, equipment, map s, pictures, papers and other articles, machines, or documents necessary or convenient for carrying on hostile operations; articles necessary or convenient for their manufacture or use. (d) Coin, bullion, currency, evidences of debt; also metal, materials, dies, plates, machinery, or other articles necessary or convenient for their manufacture. Schedule II (e) all kinds of food, foodstuffs, feed, forage and clothing and articles and materials used in their production.

Colonial Secretary.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 27th September, 19 39. Time : 0145.

Received : 27th September 19 39. Time :

Circular No. 68. Secret.

I have received enquiries concerning treatment of news reaching British Territories from Neutral Sources by Broadcast or Press Cable. Where such (2) and differs on important it points from news from British sources (of) Information Officers should advise Local Press to use great caution in reprinting it, or drawing any inference from it. Censorship should be applied in accordance with your Government Rules, and I add for your information that broadly the principles governing Censorship in this Country, are; First not censor for Political reasons (?) and Second, to prevent publication either of the statement likely to be of Military value to the enemy or of unconfirmed news likely to be disheartening to local population.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 27th September, 19 39. *Time :* 0135.

Received : 27th September, 19 39. *Time :*

Circular telegram No. 67. Censorship.

1. Use of the following Commercial Codes may now be authorised for messages originating or received in territory with which you are concerned :--

Bentley's Second Phase, Bentley's Complete,

A.B.C. - Sixth Edition, Peterson's Third.

2. Please confirm that copies of the above are available for use by Censorship Authorities.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 25th September, 19 39. *Time :* 0400.

Received : 25th September, 19 39. *Time :*

Circular telegram No. 73. Defence Finance Regulations.

Please telegraph names of authorised Banks appointed in territory under your administration. This Information is required as small points of practice are likely to arise which can be best settled by Bank of England getting in direct contact with Head Office Bank in London.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

RECEIVED.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
203	RIO	20	1840/28/9/39	

To

H.E.The Governor Falkland Islands.

THE FOLLOWING IS FOR THE COMMODORE.

VESCA.

To the B Admiralty, repeated to the S.O.(I) FREETOWN
and to the Commodore S.A.D. from the N.C.S. Officer Rio.

British Ship GLPD- HOPETOR.

W/T asked to repeat to Commodore.

Dec WHRS

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor,

To Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Despatched: 30th September, 19 39. *Time:*...

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

No. 91. Your telegram No. 73 of 25th September there are
no Banks in this Colony.

GOVERNOR.

No 86

Secretary of State

I desire to
submit proposals
for raising a local
R. N. V. R. Force Φ
under the Colonial
Naval Defence Act 1931 \odot

I will be grateful if
copy of the legislation
passed in other Colonies
may be sent to me \odot

Governor

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State.

To GOVERNOR.

Despatched : 19 Time :
Received : 30th September, 1939 19 Time : 11.30

No. NR225. Words 272. ETAT

CIRCULAR No. 79. FOLLOWING FROM MINISTRY OF INFORMATION

Following for guidance and press in answer to German attempts to misrepresent our contraband control as illegal and inhumane. Since the beginning of the war no neutral life has been lost as a result of British action. Though many neutral ships have been examined in British ports and subsequently released none have been seized and no neutral property except contraband destined for the enemy has been condemned. The British policy is not to interfere with Neutrals normal requirements of goods for their own consumption or legal non-contraband trade. The Germans also profess to exercise contraband control in accordance with the laws of war. In fact, because they have not command of the sea, and except in the Baltic and other rare instances, they are not in a position to bring neutral shipping for examination in to German ports, they cannot exercise legal contraband control and there is increasing evidence of their intention to substitute piracy for it. Since the outbreak of war ten neutral vessels, three Finnish, two Greek, one Danish, one Belgian and one Norwegian have been sunk by German action, that is by torpedo, bombing or explosives placed in them, by German submarines or by mines where no British mines have been laid. In addition to these ten, the RONDA was sunk on the 13th September off Terschelling by an explosion probably due to a German mine/. The GERMANS may plead that neutral ships which strike mines were not deliberately sunk but German action in recent days against the 'MARTHE', RAGNAR, WALMA, GERTRUDE, BRATT, FANEFJELD suggests a purposeful war against neutral shipping. ENDS.

Secretary of State.

heart
~~the~~ Greenhills gave
me this for broadcasting
I asked me to
return it to you

am.

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TELEGRAM

To Secretary of State.

From Governor.

Date October 4th 1939.

My telegram No. 73 Secret of 5th September G.F. 3 Pdr
wherever it appears should read Q.F. 3 Pdr.

Governor.

Telegram

To Secretary of State.

From Governor.

date 4th October 1939.

Your telegram Secret of 13th September form and voucher do not appear to have been received here stop the following stores were received from H.M.S.Ajax on the 13th September 32 cartridges Q.F. 3Pdr steel shells 50 cartridges Q.F. 3 Pdr blank charges, 50 Primers percussion, 50 tubes vent sealing percussion, 40 6 inch practice shot A.Q. Cordite not yet received.

Governor.

No. 60 from Montevideo. Words 13. Time 20.27. 5/10/39.

To H.E. The Governor, Falkland Islands.

Your telegram 2nd October Minister for Foreign Affairs withholds consent pending information as to the circumstances which have occasioned the proposed move.

British Minister.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

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

Despatched : 5th October, 19 39. *Time :* 1608.

Received : 5th October, 19 39. *Time :*

No. 78. Secret your despatch 29th July Foodstuffs.

Arrangements have been made with Young and in these circumstances I do not think procedure contemplated in Paragraph 4 and Paragraph 5 my telegram No. 66 Circular will be necessary in the case of the Falkland Islands.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

55 from London. Words 26 cde. Time 16.08. 5/10/39.

To H.E. The Governor, Falkland Islands.

No 78 Secret your dispatch 29th July Foodstuffs. Arrangements have been made with Young and in these circumstances I do not think procedure contemplated in Paragraph 4 and Paragraph 5 my telegram No. 66 Circular will be necessary in the case of the Falkland Islands.

Secretary of State.

Telegram

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No.76 Despatched Buenos Aires 1305/7/10/39

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From British Naval Attache

To H.E.The Governor.

Check and repeat your telegram of the 5th October.

No. 51 from London. Words 12 cde. Time 15.32. 5/10/39.

To H.M. The Governor, Falkland Islands.

Unnumbered. Your telegram No. 94 undecypherable after "September 13th".

Please verify and repeat.

Secretary of State.

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No.81. with reference to my Secret Circular Telegram No.9. which need no longer be treated as Secret. Please telegraph whether you wish me to proceed with appointment of Medical Officer requested in your Telegram No.47. and whether there are any outstanding vacancies reportde to me or to the Crown Agents which you do not wish filled. I anticipate considerable difficulty in obtaining suitable Medical Officer at present time.

Secretary of State.

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TELEGRAM.

From H.E. THE GOVERNOR

To SECRETARY OF STATE.

no. 96

No. 96
Despatched: 11th October 1939

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IMPORTANT, MOST SECRET.

1. EXISTING SITUATION IN RESPECT OF DEFENCES OF STANLEY IS THAT AN ARMED ENEMY VESSEL COULD ENTER OUTER HARBOUR ANCHOR AND SHELL WIRELESS STATION TANKS AND TOWN AT LEISURE WHILE BLANKETTED FROM OR OUTSIDE RANGE OF FIXED DEFENCES.

2. WITHOUT ADEQUATE ARTILLERY DEFENCE STANLEY IS DEPENDENT ON AIR POWER TO RESIST INVASION OF LANDING PARTIES. SEE MY TELEGRAM 83 OF 17th. SEPTEMBER BEARING ON THIS.

3. LOCAL DEFENCE COMMITTEE REGARDS POSITION WITH MUCH CONCERN. MINIMUM IMMEDIATE REQUIREMENTS IS AMUNITION FOR 12 POUNDER GUNS.

SEE MY TELEGRAM OF 5th. SEPTEMBER AND ENCLOSURE TO YOUR SECRET DESPATCH OF 23rd. AUGUST.

4. DEFENCE COMMITTEE WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR EARLY CONSIDERATION OF POSSIBILITY OF PROVISION OF A FOUR OR SIX INCH GUN WITH RANGE OF AT LEAST 14,000 YARDS TO BE SIGHTED ON MOUNT LOW. NO LESSER MEASURE COULD RENDER DEFENCES SECURE.

GOVERNOR.

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TELEGRAM.

No.104.

From H.E. the Governor.

To Secretary of State.

Despatched : 17th October, 19 39. Time : 1345.

Received : 19 Time :

SECRET WITH REFERENCE TO MY TELEGRAM NO.73 OF 5th SEPTEMBER SECRET
I WILL BE GRATEFUL IF I MAY BE INFORMED WHETHER THERE IS ANY LIKELIHOOD
OF THE AMMUNITION OR PART OF IT BEING SUPPLIED AT AN EARLY DATE.

GOVERNOR.

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From International Red Cross, Geneva.

To His Excellency The Governor, Falkland Islands.

Despatched : 17th October 1939 Time : 15.56

Received : 19th October 1939 Time : 15.30

Grateful thanks for sending information on interned German crew of ship 'Carl Fritzen' which we immediately transmitted.

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TELEGRAM.

No. 172 From Secretary of State, London.

To His Excellency The Governor, Falkland Islands.

Despatched : 18th October 19 39 Time : 14.55

Received : 19th October 19 39 Time : 15.30

No. 87. Salvason have been informed that licences for six whale catchers will be granted for the current season.

In view of the fact that all British whaling expeditions are operating this season for account off the Ministry of Food who are purchasing all whale oil produced no restrictions should be placed on the number of catchers employed.

Secretary of State.

No. 325 From Secretary of State, London
to His Excellency The Governor, Falkland Islands.

Date 31st October 1939 Time 21.10
Received 1st November

Circular No. 110. My Secret Circular Despatch of August 22nd. Defence Finance Regulations. Cases have been brought to my notice of transfer of sterling from the accounts of residents in Colonial Dependencies to accounts of non-residents made without evidence being provided that the transactions concerned are permissible ones. Matter is of such importance that I wish to invite the attention of all Colonial Governments to the first paragraph section 6 of the Draft Notice to Banks and Bankers conducting business in the United Kingdom enclosed in my despatch under reference. Control similar to that of the United Kingdom of transfers to non-residents in sterling and/or local currency should be exercised in each Colonial Dependency by use of local Form E 1 and you should bear in mind how the United Kingdom control affects their local Colonial control and vice versa. Three types of cases are likely to arise:- (1) Transfer of local currency by local residents to non-residents. This requires local Form E 1 only. (2) Transfer by local residents to non-residents of sterling held in a bank in the United Kingdom by local residents. This requires a United Kingdom Form E 1 which neither paying nor receiving United Kingdom bank can give without particulars from drawer or payee and in default thereof considerable delay of payment may occur. This can be avoided by drawer obtaining local Form E 1 from local branch or correspondent of his banker in United Kingdom and attaching it to the cheque. United Kingdom banks will accept local Form E 1 as enabling them to complete United Kingdom Form E 1. (3) Transfer by United Kingdom resident to a non-resident of local currency held in a bank in a Dependency by United Kingdom resident. Drawer should

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similarly obtain and attach United Kingdom Form E 1, which local bank should accept as basis for completing local Form E 1.

Throughout foregoing "non-residents" means residents outside sterling ring, i.e. in non-Empire countries excluding Egypt, the Sudan, and Iraq, or in Canada, Newfoundland, or Hong Kong.

Please make position clear to authorised banks and to the public. Detailed explanatory memorandum will follow by Air Mail.

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TELEGRAM. SENT.

From His Excellency The Governor, Falkland Islands

To Secretary of State, London.

Despatched 8th November

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Time 12.00

Received :

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Time :

Your telegram 6th November Important. Please repeat following groups 23rd, 25th, 35th, 66th, 67th, 69th, 84th, 101st, and 105th.

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No 52 From Sierra Leone TELEGRAM. Words 46/45

From Staff Officer (Intelligence) Freetown.

To Hon: Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : 7th November 19 39 Time : 1745

Received : 8th November 19 39 Time : 0135

To Naval Control Service Officers and Route giving Officers.
From Staff Officer (Intelligence) Freetown Sierra Leone.

My 0845 British merchant ships should be instructed that if attacked by a raider every attempt should be made to follow up the original distress signals by amplifying messages giving the fullest possible description of the raider. This information is considered essential in order to enable prompt action to be taken against the enemy by warships in the vicinity.

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No. 198 From S. Georgia.

TELEGRAM.

Etat B.G. CDE Words 28

From Magistrate, South Georgia.

To Hon: Colonial Secretary.

Despatched: 23rd November

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Time: 1330

Received: 24th November

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Time: 1425

Telegram No. 72.

Your telegram No.66.

The Manager of the Company supplying the coal regrets the error and states that only the quantity discharged at Stanley will be charged for.

Your telegram No.60

Gratefully if you would inform me to which Head guano and coal should be charged.

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No. 199 From S.Georgia.

TELEGRAM.

Etat B.G. CDE Words 11

From Magistrate, South Georgia.

To Hon: Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : 23rd November 19 39 Time : 1330

Received : 24th November 19 39 Time : 1425

Telegram No. 74.

Your telegram No. 48.

Grateful if you would inform me under which Head the cost should be met.

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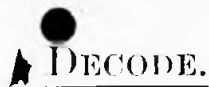
DATE 24th November 1939

TO HYLES FOX BAY

Transmit following begins -

Personal to Mr.Pole Evans Port Howard from Governor

I am very glad misunderstanding has been cleared up stop
Harding has kindly agreed to carry out executive military
duty in West but I rely upon you for advice and free
expressions of opinion on all matters affecting West stop



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TELEGRAM.

Fr To H.B.M. Minister, Monte Video

To From H.E. The Governor

Despatched : 24/11/39 19 Time :

Received : 19 Time :

My telegram February 28th meteorological report service
has been suspended.

Governor

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No. 90 From Fox Bay.

TELEGRAM.

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From Myles Fox Bay.

To Hon: Colonial Secretary.

Despatched: 25th November 1939 Time: 2100

Received: 26th November 1939 Time: 1040

Following from Mr. Pole Evans.
(ask)

BEGIN: Please inform the Colonial Secretary to thank His Excellency
for his telegram, and that our mail was only received yesterday
which included his letter of November 8th.

I am writing to the Governor.

Pole Evans.

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TELEGRAM. Saving.

5/8/39

From Secretary of State, London,

To His Excellency The Governor, Falkland Islands.

Despatched : 7th December 19 39 *Time* :

Received : 8th February 19 40 *Time* :

Saving Confidential. Decision has been taken to admit, at the request of their masters, neutral vessels to British Convoy.

2. Application from Masters of neutral ships will be accepted provided that it is made clear to them that the Admiralty accepts no responsibility for any damage sustained by such ships due to their inclusion in a British convoy and subject to provisos that (a) ships are trading with or for the British Empire or France and (b) that no allied ship is thereby excluded.

3. Consular Officers in neutral countries are being instructed to give the above information to any bona fides enquirer but it is not desired that any Press publicity should be given to the arrangement since this might embarrass neutral Governments in their relations with the German Government. You should take parallel action.

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TELEGRAM. SENT.

From His Excellency The Governor, Falkland Islands,

To Secretary of State, London.

Despatched: 13th December 19 39 Time:

Received: 19 Time:

No. 132 Secret. Your telegram No. 111 Secret.

1. House I propose for flag officer is about largest in Stanley and is town residence of Felton senior unofficial member Executive Council. I could requisition it for an Admiral but it would cause ^{undesirable} resentment if it were taken for a major who according to all local ideas could live in lodgings as others of that rank have done. The cost to be met would be considerable and beyond amount Government could contemplate for this appointment. By quarters for the staff I intended movable bungalow for naval writers.
2. It occurs to me that basis of proposal to send a regular to this country may have been misleading report sent to War Office by the Military Attaché in Buenos Aires.
3. I would prefer that if possible an officer commanding troops including naval forces be appointed leaving present O.C. Defence Force in his command.

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TELEGRAM.

No. 224 *From Secretary of State, London,*

To His Excellency The Governor, Falkland Islands.

Despatched : 13th December 19 39 Time : 22.22.

Received : 19 Time :

Immediate.

No. 114 Exports to Argentine. 2. Under arrangements recently concluded between United Kingdom and Argentine, payments by United Kingdom to Argentine for purchases of all commodities are to be made in sterling which is at Argentine Government's disposal for purchase within sterling ring.

3. This arrangement is for three months only expiring on January 25th next and you will be notified if and when fresh arrangements are made.

4. Primary reason for invoicing exports to certain Foreign countries in foreign currency concerned is to ensure that the proceeds of exports are available for the purchases in these countries. The arrangement with the Argentine secures the same object by another method and necessity for invoicing exports to the Argentine in pesos therefore disappears for the time being. It is in fact, the most desirable that facilities should be given whenever possible to Argentine to use their sterling balances by purchases from sterling countries as otherwise the accumulation of such balances may give rise to a further problem in the future. Until further notice therefore invoices in sterling should not be regarded as reason for refusing export licences for the Argentine.

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TELEGRAM.

No. 217.

From Secretary of State, London,

To His Excellency The Governor, Falkland Islands.

Despatched: 13th December 19 39 *Time:* 13.20.

Received: 19 *Time:*

No. 112 Secret. My telegram No. 100. Manager Salvesen's Whaling Station has been permitted(0) to send his weekly catch reports in the private code of the company on the understanding that the concession is limited to such reports.

Please inform Magistrate at South ~~Georgi~~ Georgia.

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TELEGRAM.

No. 212 *From* Secretary of State, London,

To His Excellency The Governor, Falkland Islands.

Despatched: 13th December 19 39 *Time:* 02.16.

Received: 19 *Time:*

No. 111. Secret Reference your telegram No. 127. Suggestion in paragraph 2 is under consideration and I will telegraph further.

I note you could provide a furnished house for a Flag Officer and quarters for his staff but that if I have rightly understood your telegram an Officer Commanding the Troops would have to go into lodgings. On the other hand if Flag Officer does not make Port Stanley his headquarters it would seem prima facie that there should be no difficulty in providing suitable quarters for O.C. Troops. Can you explain position further.

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TELEGRAM. SENT.

From ~~Secretary~~ of His Excellency The Governor, Falkland Islands.

To Secretary of State, London.

Despatched: 15th December 19 39 Time :

Received: 19 Time :

No. 133 Secret Your No. 113 Secret.

1. I suggest that in principle Grytviken has same claim to be defended as Leith Harbour. Owners pay same taxes and rents. Oil produced can only be exported under licence and total output is at disposal of His Majesty's Government. Production of former factory last season was 67,000 barrels against 44,500 from Leith. An important measure of discrimination in favour of Salveson has already been taken see your telegram No. 100 Secret. Both factories are operated by Norwegian personnel.

2. It should be remembered that whaling industry in South Georgia was founded by Argentine Company. They established first settlement there 1904. The first act of British sovereignty in the group was to order them to haul down the Argentine flag fourteen months later. Local administration was then inaugurated in the neighbourhood.

3. The repercussions in South America would be grave if this settlement was seized by a raider with impunity while Salvesen's interests twenty miles away were protected. Argentine case would be that the islands should be in possession of a neighbour who could provide protection for the harbours and industries.

4. Objective of raid would be to obtain fuel oil stores of which considerable quantity is maintained, destruction of whale products and wireless station which is in direct communication with Europe.

5. My view is that for defence of Government Headquarters and factory one 12-pounder should be placed at King Edward Point or Cove Point in East Cumberland Bay and two Lewis or better Bren guns supplied for anti-aircraft work and to prevent a landing. Ten men should suffice as man-power. Opinion of Commodore S. A. Division who visited the dependency with me last year should how-

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ever be decisive on this question.

6. Revenue of Dependencies can bear cost of defensive measures I propose without causing a deficit. I assume that provision of rifle platoon for Leith and of 4-inch gun is a United Kingdom commitment.

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No. 255 *From* Secretary of State, London,

To His Excellency The Governor, Falkland Islands.

Despatched: 15th December 19 39 *Time:* 00.06.

Received: 19 *Time:*

Important.

Circular No. 132. Secret Export Licences.

1. Arrangements have been made for consignments of goods covered by Colonial Export Licences not to be detained by contraband control. Arising out of this there are certain points in connection with the grants of such licences which it is important to bear in mind.
2. In the first place it is desirable that the Masters of the ship should be in a position to inform Contraband Control Authorities without delay that the consignments are covered by Export Licences. For this purpose it would seem the proper procedure would be for duplicates of the Export Licences to be attached to the ship's manifest.
3. In the second place it is essential that the name and address of the ultimate consignee should be known to the Colonial Governments concerned before an Export Licence for neutral countries in Europe is granted. I assume all Colonial Governments are already insisting on this since otherwise it would obviously be impossible to ensure that the destination is an innocent one.
4. Subject to modification cases of goods consigned to order set out in my telegram Circular No. 117 the name of the consignee should be entered on the Bill of Lading. This requirement at present relates only to exports to neutral countries in Europe and should not be applied to countries outside Europe.
5. In order to facilitate the efficient operation of export control by Colonial Governments His Majesty's Government are considering the compilation of a "White List" of ultimate consignees in contiguous countries in Europe to whom exports may be sent. This would obviate the necessity which at present exists of ref-

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No. 255 From

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erring to me application for Export Licences to such consignees when there is no other reason such as quota limit. Please send me at your early convenience draft in triplicate of such lists including also the names of importers with whom traders in the territory with which you are concerned are accustomed to do business and whom you may regard as free from suspicion in order that I may approve it.

6. I wish to make it clear once more that subject to overriding the necessity of ensuring that no consignment is sent to dangerous consignees and that exports control is administered strictly I am anxious that export trade to innocent destinations in Europe as well as elsewhere should continue with the object both of maintaining trade connections with Colonies and acquiring foreign exchange. Export Licences should not be refused by Colonial Governments without reference to me except in cases where the name of the ultimate consignee is known to be objectionable or the rationing system has been laid down and consignment would exceed quota.

7. I have no reason to suppose that any delay will be experienced when goods in respect of which a Colonial Export Licence has been furnished passes through Contraband Control should any such case come to your notice please inform me in order that appropriate enquiries may be made.

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TELEGRAM.

No. 311. *From* Secretary of State, London,

To His Excellency The Governor, Falkland Islands.

Despatched : 16th December 19 39 *Time* : 22.20

Received : 19 *Time* :

No. 133 Circular Reference to my telegram No. 124 Circular.

Use of four Commercial Codes will now be authorised from 1st January 1940. It is proposed to inform International Bureau as regards United Kingdom and Dependencies on 21st December and to issue the final notice to the press on 28th December.

2. As indicated in the fourth paragraph of my telegram No. 104 Circular, surcharge of one shilling is being applied to all outward code telegrams accepted in the United Kingdom to offset the cost of transmitting decodes from accepting offices to Censorship station in this country and cost of clerks who will have to verify decodes of outward telegrams and decodes of inward telegrams. Fees will accrue to the Post Office but Telegraph companies will be allowed sixpence out of the shilling for every code telegram accepted at their own offices as a consideration for transmission of the decodes over their internal lines.

3. I will telegraph further regarding the second paragraph of my telegram No. 121 Circular.

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TELEGRAM.

No. 380 *From* ~~Secretary of State, London,~~

To ~~His Excellency The Governor, Falkland Islands.~~

Despatched : 19th December 19 39 *Time :* 15.15.

Received : 19 *Time :*

Unnumbered Circular Secret My Secret Circular Despatch of August 5th. Import requirements during the first year of the War returns asked for were required for the preparation of plans to meet war conditions but as a result of subsequent developments information is no longer essential. Unless therefore preparation of the returns has reached final stage this need not be sent.

Food requirements have already formed subject of separate correspondence - see my confidential despatch of November 2nd Circular, and other essential requirements will also be dealt with in separate correspondence when circumstances requires.

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TELEGRAM.

No. 391 *From* Secretary of State, London,

To His Excellency The Governor, Falkland Islands.

Despatched: 19th December 19 39 *Time:* 20.58.
Received: 19 *Time:*

No. 134 Secret With Reference to my Telegram No. 110. Defence Finance Regulations.

2. Amendments to the regulations will shortly be issued providing subject to exemption by treasury ~~issued providing~~ order permission must be obtained for all payments to numerous residents outside the United Kingdom and for transfers of sterling securities to such persons.
3. By simultaneous treasury orders it will be provided (a) that payments to persons resident in sterling ring are exempted and (b) that payments by residents outside the sterling ring hereafter called non residents are unrestricted.
4. Effect of this is that subject to exemption of payments made by non residents all payments to non residents must be approved by treasury or by persons appointed by treasury for this purpose. Most British banks of importance here and some branches of foreign banks will be appointed. Detailed instructions will be issued to appointed banks as to purposes for which payments of sterling may be made without further reference to control.
5. Procedure in making sterling payments to non residents will remain substantially unaffected, and continues generally as prescribed in my telegram No. 110 Circular. Form E. 1. however becomes an application for permission similar to Form E. instead of a simple declaration comporting with some such regulations.
6. Memorandum giving details of new arrangements and copies of instructions to be issued here will be despatched to you by air mail at the earliest opportunity together with text of proposed amendments to regulations and new forms E. 1. On receipt of these you should take immediate steps to enact ~~that~~ similar legislation and to introduce similar procedure with regard to payments made in your dependency. In this country it is proposed

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the amended regulations and new procedure shall come into force on January 8th, 1940.

7. Pending the receipt of text and detailed instructions you should, as interim measure, instruct your banks (a) that sterling payments to non residents require to be supervised no less carefully than applications for foreign exchange; (b) that the purpose of such payments should be verified by inspection supporting document etc. by bank approving Form E. 1. or instructing London agents to make payments as the case may be, (c) that such payments for the purposes of other than normal trade requirements or reasonable personal expenses should be referred to your exchange control authority who should be guided in this connection by table sent to you with my despatch of 13th November 1939 Circular.

8. Banks operating in your territory will be advised new arrangements by telegram by their office or agents in London.

9. Instructions regarding transfers of securities to non residents will be issued and will be communicated to you in due course.

10. This telegram is in substitution of explanatory memorandum promised in my telegram under reference.

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TELEGRAM

TO H.B.M. MINISTER, MONTE VIDEO.

FROM H.E. THE GOVERNOR.

DATE DECEMBER 19th 1939.

Request that I may be informed immediately what staff
and medical supplies are arriving in Lafonia.

Governor.

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TELEGRAM.

No. 406 *From* H.M. Minister, Montevideo,

To His Excellency The Governor, Falkland Islands.

Despatched: 20th December 19 39 *Time:* 11.30.

Received: 19 *Time:*

Please advise Pennington keep daily records activities of his party.

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TELEGRAM.

No. 451 From Secretary of State, London,

To His Excellency The Governor, Falkland Islands.

Despatched: 22nd December 1939 Time: 02.45.

Received: 19 Time:

No. 119 Secret With reference to ~~my~~ your telegram No. 127.

Admiralty have considered the suggestion in paragraph 2 but have no intention of transferring Admiral Commanding South American Division to shore and consider in any event he should not have responsibilities of commanding local Defence Force.

In the circumstances I ~~propose~~ propose to ask the War Office to second regular officer to command local Defence Force on the basis indicated in my telegram No. 4 Secret.

Admiralty agree to your view that Senior Naval Officer should command Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve Unit.

Please confirm that you agree to my proceeding.

No reflection on Major Woodgate is intended and he may be assured to this effect.

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TELEGRAM.

No. 454 From Secretary of State, London,

To His Excellency The Governor, Falkland Islands.

Despatched: 22nd December 19 39 Time: 11.20.

Received: 19 Time:

No. 120 With reference to my telegram No. 54. I have selected A.W. Cardinall Commissioner Cayman Islands for appointment in Colonial Administrative Service as Colonial Secretary Falkland Islands. He will sail direct date of sailing will be notified later. Despatch follows regarding terms of appointment. Appointment may be announced. For particulars of service see Colonial Office List.

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TELEGRAM.

No. 478 *From* Secretary of State, London,

To His Excellency The Governor, Falkland Islands.

Despatched: 23rd December 19 39 *Time:* 12.10.

Received: 19 *Time:*

No. 422 Confidential. Your telegram No. 130 Confidential.

I note action taken as regards income tax and approve increases in import duties. As regards postage rates I suggest for your consideration that proposal might be held in reserve until yields of the other taxes can be more closely estimated.

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TELEGRAM.

From London

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To H.E. The Governor

Despatched : 0515/23 19 Time :

Received : 1015/23 19 Time :

Most secret and personal.

Military telegram will not be sent on December 26th.
One will be sent on December 29th and on Fridays
thereafter

Secretary of State

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TELEGRAM.

No. 482 *From* Secretary of State, London,

To His Excellency The Governor, Falkland Islands.

Despatched: 23rd December 19 39 *Time:* 15.40.

Received: 19 *Time:*

No. 123 With reference to your telegram No. 121 of November 21st. Agricultural Advisor. New Zealand Government recommend appointment of J.G.Gibbs plant pathologist scientific and industrial research department Palmerston North as most suitable officer available. Has Diploma of Agriculture (New Zealand) Master of Science (New Zealand) Doctor of Philosophy (Minnesota) a sound knowledge of plant disease. He is 36 years of age is married and has one son. If you agree it is proposed to accept Gibbs.

No. 509

Secretary of State, London,

His Excellency The Governor, Falkland Islands.

24th December

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Circular No. 135 Secret With reference to my telegram No. 98 Circular.

1. Further consideration has been given, in consultation with the War Office, question whether arrangements should now be made to facilitate enlistment here in Army of volunteers from Colonial Dependencies.

2. Position has not substantially altered since my telegram No. 88 Circular. That is to say the most pressing need is still for skilled tradesmen of categories indicated in my telegram No. 108 Circular. Question whether cost of passages should be paid in respect of volunteers belonging to categories most urgently needed here is still under consideration and early decision is expected.

As regards other volunteers however the general position is that whilst their readiness to serve is much appreciated, the need for them is not such at present as to justify special arrangements for payment of their passages. As previously explained to you our limiting factor is not man power (but equipment).

3. War Office are considering whether in certain areas where there is considerable Imperial Force (e.g. Malaya and Egypt) arrangements should be made to establish training units for volunteers from neighbouring countries.

4. In the meantime however any volunteers between the ages of 20 and 35 who proceeded to this country at their own expense to enlist in the Army will be accepted (without limitation of number) subject to their being passed physically fit by the prescribed board here. (See paragraph 4 of my telegram No. 108 Circular). Any such volunteer should be advised that while of course they can apply to any recruiting office here special arrangements have been made to facilitate enlistment of volunteers from colonies at the following recruiting offices: (a) London Great Scotland Yard (b) Liverpool Wrenshaw Hall (c) Glasgow St Mungo Grant Hall (d) Southampton Lamb Memorial Hall

(e) Plymouth City Museum (f) Bristol Provident Hall Frowitt Street.

5. As was stated in paragraph 5 of my telegram No. 88 Circular it is not desired that non European British subjects should come here for enlistment. Question of how this aspect matters can be best handled is one which I must leave to your discretion. Suggest however that it would be helpful if all applications for enlistment should be made to Governors in the first instance. This would enable you not only to decide whether the volunteer in question can be spared from local defence requirements or from local industries but would enable arrangements to be made for preliminary medical examination (see my telegram No. 108 Circular) and would enable unsuitable volunteers to be dissuaded from coming to this country. There will however in the future be no advantage in continuing the procedure indicated in paragraph 3 of my telegram No. 98 Circular Confidential whereby applications are referred to me and this can be dropped. Grateful however if record could be kept of number of men who leave the Colony to enlist and if figures could be included in quarterly reports asked for in my despatch circular of 18th October.

6. Aliens are now eligible to join His Majesty's Forces but it is not desired that aliens should come to this country to join armed forces. Poles and Czechs should be advised most appropriate procedure would be to join Polish and Czech units now being formed in France. War Office advise against enrolment in local forces for the present.

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TELEGRAM.

No. 601 From Secretary of State, London,

To His Excellency The Governor, Falkland Islands.

Despatched : 28th December 19 39 Time : 20.28.

Received : 19 Time :

Circular No. 136 Reply urgently required to my telegram No. 118 Circular. Ministry of Shipping are now preparing a programme of British and French shipping requirements for the next 12 months and in order that Colonial needs may receive full consideration, information is urgently required under headings indicated in Paragraph 3 below.

2. Information required relating to imports and exports. Except where otherwise ~~stated~~ indicated figures should be given under each heading representing (a) actual figures for each month in latest available complete period of 12 months ending not later than 31st August 1939; and (b) estimated figures for each month in the year 1940. All quantities should be given in dead weight tons.

3. Figures required are as follows:- (i) Imports from each country of origin month by month. (ii) Principal exports (shown separately) to each destination month by month. Miscellaneous minor exports can be grouped together in one category exports from destination. (iii) Dead weight tonnage available in neutral vessels and requirements, also expressed in dead weight tonnage, of British shipping space for essential commodities. It is recognised that answers to this question will present some difficulties in the case of estimates for 1940 but even an approximate estimate will be useful. If however it is impossible to supply the figures asked for in this sub paragraph a statement of quantities of imports and exports carried from month to month during the period mentioned in Paragraph 2 (a) above by neutral and British shipping respectively would be better than nothing. Figures should if possible be given separately for each nationality and should also distinguish between liner tonnage and tramp tonnage.

4. Here there is more than one important port serving the territory with which you are concerned please indicate rough proportion (i) total imports and (ii) each of principal categories exports

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No. 601. From _____

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Despatched : 19 Time :

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which pass through different ports.

5. Information asked for above is not in the majority of cases available in the form required¹ in Colonial trade returns but if in any particular case the necessary information regarding 1938 is given in trade returns or any other document available to me it will of course be sufficient to refer in such cases to documents concerned.

6. Please send information asked for by air mail as early as possible. In addition please telegraph estimated total number of dead weight tons required for the year 1940 in respect of imports and exports (shown separately) indicating in the case of imports quantities from each of the principal points of origin and in the case of exports, quantities sent to each of the principal destinations and approximate proportion in which tonnage is divided between the principals.

7. Figures for imports or exports of petroleum products and for tanker tonnage should be excluded from your reply as these are available here.

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TELEGRAM.

No. 555 *From* British Minister, Buenos Aires.

To His Excellency The Governor, Falkland Islands.

Despatched: 30th December 19 39 *Time:* 20.30.

Received: 19 *Time:*

British Community wishes to leave whole hospital equipment in care of your government or of Royal Navy until there is no longer any chance of similar emergency. I should be obliged if you would telegraph your acceptance or otherwise.

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TELEGRAM.

From South Georgia 919.....

To Secretary Stanley

Despatched : 31/12/39 19 Time :

Received : 19 Time :

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Grateful is a Special Warrant for £108 could be made to meet excess of expenditure under fuel and light for 1939.

Excess is due to provision of separate quarters for Staff and to increase in price of coke.

Reason for delay accounts just received.