

# FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No.

183/16  
DEF/NGE/1#5  
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Governor's Office.

From

SUBJECT.

Secretary of State for the  
Colonies  
GOVERNOR.

"COMPETITOR" Collier

Arrival of also

No.

Date

Norman Monarch (N° 1)

Telegram 1st May, 1916.

Colonial Secretary's  
Record No.

MINUTES.

Telegrams within.

Registered Number  
of last Despatch.

57  
13.5.16

No. next Despatch.



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[Form No. M. 2.]

Competitor

Stanley, The Falkland Islands,

1-5-1916

To the Captain or Officer in Command.

Sir,

You are hereby requested to fill in and sign the following declaration which must be countersigned by your Surgeon if there be one on board.

Gus Smith  
Harbour Master.

1.—Name of the Vessel?	Competitor 512.			
2.—Name of the Commander?	A. R. Rust			
3.—Port of Registry?	Whitby			
4.—Tonnage, Number of Guns, and Crew?	Registered Tonnage. 2215	No. of Guns —	No. of Crew. 34	Gunpowder. —
5.—Whence do you come?	Cardiff			
6.—Name the Ports at which you have since touched?	Pembroke, St Vincent.			
7.—On what date did you sail?				
8.—To what Port are you bound?	Stanley for orders			
9.—Of what does the cargo consist?	4835 tons Admuralty coal. 20 tons stores			
10.—If you have a Bill of Health produce it?	Produced			
11.—Is every one on board in a perfectly healthy state?	Yes			
12.—Has any person on board suffered from any illness of any kind during the voyage? if so, what was the nature of the complaint?	No			
13.—Has any person died on board during the voyage: and if so, from what cause.	No			
14.—Have you boarded, or been boarded, or communicated with any vessel during this voyage?	No			
15.—Was every vessel communicated with free from all disease?	—			
16.—What is your draught of water?	20ft			
17.—Number of passengers for Colony?	Nil			

I solemnly declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief I have answered the foregoing questions fully and accurately.

A. R. Rust  
Master.

I solemnly declare that the foregoing particulars as to health are to the best of my knowledge and belief, accurate and complete.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Surgeon.

N.B.—Any person signing a declaration in connection with his Ship or the Cargo and Crew thereof containing any wilfully false, misleading or inaccurate statement, is liable to a penalty of ONE HUNDRED POUNDS. (Harbour Ordinance No. 9 of 1898.)

If any casualty has occurred, or has been fallen in with, state briefly on the back hereof the circumstances, nature and extent.

Bunker 220 tons

Consumption per day 21 tons

Repairs to machinery (36 hrs)

Fresh water.

(Cypher)

Governor to Admiralty, London.

Sent 1st May, 1916.

Collier Competitor arrived Stanley Port 1st May what are your orders

Governor

7 groups

3 words.

(Cypher)

Governor to British Consul Montevideo and H. A.

Sent 1st May, 1916.

Collier Competitor arrived Stanley Port 1st May

Governor.

6 groups.

(Cypher)

by Navy wireless

Governor to H. A.

Sent 3rd May, 1916.

Collier Competitor here what are your orders for her  
Governor May 3rd

7 groups.



Secret

(Number Two)  
"COMPETITOR"

Lieut. J. R. Crawford,

R. N. V. R.

The S. S. "Competitor" is to proceed to a position in Latitude twenty south Longitude seventy two West, then to a position in Latitude fifteen south Longitude seventy six west and finally if she has heard nothing she is to proceed to Secker a bay in latitude six south longitude eight one west. Her call sign will be Z. L. R. The Wireless of the "Competitor" is not to be used except to communicate with His Majesty's Ships. His Majesty's Ships are to be called by the call sign S. A. A. W. The General <sup>Service</sup> Code with D slip Key, is to be used on all occasions. The "Competitor" is to proceed independently and not in company with the S. S. "Herman Monarch", and should avoid any trade routes. Please instruct Master of "Competitor" accordingly.

Please ascertain and report probable dates of arrival at the various positions given above.

*Douglas James S.*  
Governor.

th May, 1916.

*Will proceed to sea from Port Stanley on Wednesday May 10/16. & due to arrive at first position on May 24th, due in 2nd position on May 26th. and at Secker Bay May 29/16*

*Lieut. A. R. Rust*  
Master

(Cypher)

By Cable.

Governor to Admiralty.

Sent 10th May, 1916.

Collier Competitor left for Pacific 10th May

Governor.

5 groups

3 words.



No.

Norman Monarch

183/16

[Form No. M. 2.]

Stanley, The Falkland Islands,

May 2nd 1916

To the Captain or Officer in Command.

Sir,

You are hereby requested to fill in and sign the following declaration which must be countersigned by your Surgeon if there be one on board.

*Gus Smith*  
Harbour Master.

1.—Name of the Vessel?

2.—Name of the Commander?

3.—Port of Registry?

4.—Tonnage, Number of Guns, and Crew?

5.—Whence do you come?

6.—Name the Ports at which you have since touched?

7.—On what date did you sail?

8.—To what Port are you bound?

9.—Of what does the cargo consist?

10.—If you have a Bill of Health produce it?

11.—Is every one on board in a perfectly healthy state?

12.—Has any person on board suffered from any illness of any kind during the voyage? if so, what was the nature of the complaint?

13.—Has any person died on board during the voyage; and if so, from what cause.

14.—Have you boarded, or been boarded, or communicated with any vessel during this voyage?

15.—Was every vessel communicated with free from all disease?

16.—What is your draught of water?

17.—Number of passengers for Colony?

"Norman Monarch" "1085"  
Lieut A. B. Watson, R.N.R.

Registered Tonnage.	No. of Guns.	No. of Crew.	Gunpowder.
3184	—	40	—

Milford Haven.

St. Vincent. Cape Verde Isls.

April 3rd. 1916

Port Stanley

Coal

Yes. Produced.

Yes.

No.

No.

No.

23 feet.

None.

I solemnly declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief I have answered the foregoing questions fully and accurately.

*A. B. Watson.*  
Master.

I solemnly declare that the foregoing particulars as to health are to the best of my knowledge and belief, accurate and complete.

Surgeon.

N.B.—Any person signing a declaration in connection with his Ship or the Cargo and Crew thereof containing any wilfully false, misleading or inaccurate statement, is liable to a penalty of ONE HUNDRED POUNDS. (Harbour Ordinance No. 9 of 1898.)

If any casualty has occurred, or has been fallen in with, state briefly on the back hereof the circumstances, nature and extent.

Bunkers 50 tons

Consumption 30 tons = 10 R.

Coal 6500 tons

Stores Storey 50 "

(Cypher)

Governor to Admiralty, London.

Sent 7. 10 p.m. 2nd May, 1916.

Norman Monarch arrived Falkland Islands 2nd May  
waiting for orders Governor.

6 groups.

2 words.

(Cypher)

183/16  
Governor to British Consul, Montevideo.

Sent at 7.15 p.m. on 2nd May, 1916.

Collier Norman Monarch arrived here

Governor.

4 groups

3 words.

(Cypher)

Admiralty London to Governor.

Dated 2nd May received 2nd May, 1916.

With reference to your message 1st May re collier  
Nor man Monarch Senior Naval Officer H.M.S. Lancaster  
has been directed to furnish instructions

Admiralty

10 groups.

3 words.



(Cypher)

By Cable

Admiralty to Governor, Falkland Islands.

Dated 3rd May Received 3rd May, 1916.

Your telegram 2nd May re Collier Norman Monarch Senior  
Naval Officer H.M.S. Lancaster has been directed to give  
instructions

Admiralty.

10 groups

3 words.

(Cypher)

Sent by Navy Wireless.

Gpvernor to H. A.

Sent 3rd May, 1916.

Collier Norman Macrae at Falkland Islands waiting  
for orders from you

Governor.

6 groups.

(Number One)

"NORMAN MONARCH"

Lieut J. R. Crawford,

R. N. V.R.

The S.S. "Norman Monarch" is to proceed to a point thirty miles South West true from South point of Huanblin Island in Latitude forty five seventeen South, Longitude of seventy five thirty eight West and remain in that vicinity until met by one of His Majesty's Ships. Her call sign will be Y. G. S. The Wireless of the "Norman Monarch" is not to be used except to communicate with His Majesty's Ships. His Majesty's Ships are to be called by the call sign Z. A. A. W. The General Service Code, with D slip Key, is to be used on all occasions. The "Norman Monarch" is to proceed independently and not in company with the S. S. "Competitor", and should avoid any trade routes. Please instruct Master of "Norman Monarch" accordingly.

Please ascertain and report probable date of arrival at position given above.

*Douglas Young*  
Governor.

8th May, 1916.

*"Norman Monarch" will sail May 9th. a.m., & going via Magellan Straits should arrive in given position May 16th, or evening May 15th.*

*Lieut. A. B. Watson. R. N. R.*  
*Master*

(Cypher)

Recd. by Navy Wireless.

H. A. to Governor.

Received 8th May, 1916.

Position at midnight thirty four degrees forty three  
minutes South seventy two degrees thirty five minutes  
west.

(Cypher)

Received by Navy Wireless.

H. A. to Governor.

Received 6th May, 1916.

Your 7.10 p.m. this ship hereafter referred to as number one should be directed to proceed to a point thirty miles southwest true from South point of Huanblin Island in Latitude 45.17 south Longitude 75.38 West and remain in that vicinity until met by one of His Majesty's ships. Her call sign will be Y. G. S. . Your 4.5 p.m. . This ship hereafter referred to as number two should proceed to a position in Latitude 20 south Longitude 72 West then to a position in Latitude fifteen South longitude 76 West and finally if she has heard nothing to Sechur a bay in Latitude 6 south Longitude 81 west her call sign will be Z. L. B. . They are not to use their wireless except to communicate with His Majesty's Ships. They are to call His Majesty's ships by Z. A. A. W. and unless they have M. V. Code or General Service Code should use code you gave me for communicating with Navy Wireless. Please inform me to British Consul Valparaiso of probable dates of arrival of both ships at the various positions and refer to them as Number one and Number two. Ships should proceed independently and should avoid any trade routes. Please repeat position of so as to avoid mistakes Message ends  
H. M. S. Lancaster.

(Cypher)  
By Cable.

H. A. Coronel to Governor.

Received 7th May, 1916.

Unable to answer you last night as in Coronel repetition begins

ABOVE MESSAGE REPEATED.



(Cypher)

Seht by Navy Wireless.

Governor to H. A.

Sent 6th May, 1916.

Will number my messages in future beginning with this as one 6th May. Your message has been received and is understood following groups repeated back please inform me if correct before I give necessary orders. Repetition begins proceed to a point thirty miles southwest true from South point of Huanblin Island in Latitude forty five seventeen south longitude of seventy five thirty eight west and remain end of first repetition. Second repetition begins proceed to a position in Latitude twenty south longitude seventy two west then to a position in latitude fifteen south longitude seventy six west add finally if she has heard nothing to Sechur a bay in latitude six south longitude eighty one west end of repetition message ends.

(Cypher)

Recd. by Navy Wireless.

H. A. to Governor.

Recd 8th May, 1916.

Your one. Rendezvous correctly repeated message ends  
H. M. S. Lancaster 8th May.

(Cypher)

Recd. by Cable.

H. A. Coronel to Governor.

Dated 7th May recd. 7th May, 1916.

Please send in Collier Competitor a West Coast  
of America set of charts also send the selection  
of charts lent to Gorsemore at first opportunity  
H. M. S. Lancaster 6th May.

(Cypher)

Recd. by Navy Wireless.

H. A. to Governor.

Recd. 8th May, 1916.

Please send a West Coast of America set of Charts  
in Norman Monarch and not in Competitor as requested  
by my telegram 6th May H. M. S. Lancaster 7th May.

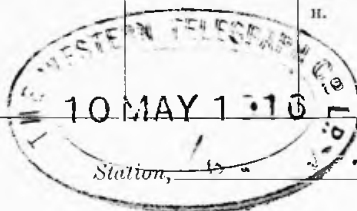
*Done R.*

**SERVICE FORM.**

(1915).

THE  
WESTERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

Station received from.	Time received.	Clerk's Signature.	Station sent to.	Time sent.	Clerk's Signature.
	H. M. 9 am			H. M. M.	



19 '16

From

To

T Mclellan

Governor

Your message to T A  
transmitted and  
acknowledged at 2 am  
this morning

( Cypher )

By Navy Wireless.

Governor to H. A.

Sent 9th May, 1916.

Two 9th May. Referring to your messages collier  
one is due to arrive rehdzvous evening 15th May.  
Collier two arrive three positions 24th May 26th May  
29th May respectively. Charts sent as desired.  
When you receive this please acknowledge by cable if  
you are unable to do so by W/T message Governor.

Cypher.

By Navy Wireless.

H. A. to Governor.

Received 11th May, 1916.

4.12 of 9th May your message (Number or time as specified)  
has been received and is understood 10. 55.

(Cypher)

Govt. Wireless.

H. A. to Governor.

From Mejillones Received 16th May, 1916.

Your 4.12 p.m. of 9th May received and understood  
12th May