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# FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 482/10

Date of Receipt.

## Governor's Office.

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From		SUBJECT.	
<del>Secretary of State for the Colonies.</del> GOVERNOR.		COLLIER "GORSEMORE"  Arrival in Stanley of the	
No.	Date		
Telegram	26th Decr., 1915.		

Colonial Secretary's Record No.

MINUTES.

*2-5-16*

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[Form No. M. 2.]

Stanley, The Falkland Islands,

Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> 1915

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.

Gorsemore, Harbour Master.

1.—Name of the Vessel?	H.B. Gorsemore 824			
2.—Name of the Commander?	H. Goolby			
3.—Port of Registry?	Liverpool			
4.—Tonnage, Number of Guns, and Crew?	Registered Tonnage.	No. of Guns.	No. of Crew.	Gunpowder.
	1949	None	31	None
5.—Whence do you come?	Cardiff via St. Vincent C.V.			
6.—Name the Ports at which you have since touched?	Do			
7.—On what date did you sail?	November 11 <sup>th</sup> / 15			
8.—To what Port are you bound?	Port Stanley for orders			
9.—Of what does the cargo consist?	Coal			
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?	Yes			
16.—What is your draught of water?	21 " 6			
17.—Number of passengers for Colony?	None			

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

H. Goolby  
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 220 tons.

Daily consumption 24 tons.

Cargo 4335 ton Admiralty coal B/h.

Water required.

(Carries outfit bags shovel fenders)

Temp No 1 hold 52°

2 " 57°

3 " 53°

4 " 54°

Bunkers 65°

(CYPHER)

Governor to Admiralty London.

Sent 26th December, 1915.

Collier Gorsemore arrived Falkland Islands 26th December waiting  
for orders Governor.

10 groups.

(Cypher)

British Consul MonteVideo to Governor.

Dated 25th January Received 25th January, 1916.

From Edinburgh Castle Please inform me amount coal in  
Admiralty Colliers 25th January.

(Cypher)

Governor to British Consul Monte Video.

Sent 25th January, 1916.

For H.M.S. Edinburgh Gorsemore 4300 tons Watfield 1200.

13 groups.

(Cypher)

British Consul Monte Video to Governor.

Dated 5th February Received 5th February, 1916.

From H.M.S. Newcastle request information as to what  
colliers are at Falkland Islands.

*7 Groups of Colliers  
2 vessels.*

Cypher.

Governor to British Consul, Monte Video.

Sent 5th February, 1916.

For H.M.S. Edinburgh Castle Collier transports Wathfield  
Gorsemore 12 and 48 hundred tons of coal respectively

Governor.

*13 Jan 1916*  
*3 words*



(Cypher)

Governor to Admiralty, London.

Sent 23rd April, 1916.

H.M.S. Lancaster and Collier Gorsemore left today for  
Pacific  
Governor.

8 groups

3 words.

The above telegram also sent to British Consul, Monte Video  
on the 23rd April, 1916.

(Cypher)

Commodore H.M.S. Glasgow to Governor.

Dated 2nd May received 2nd May, 1916.

Please direct Gorsemore on arrival to proceed to join  
me Rio de la Plata south east twenty miles from Recalada  
Light vessel and inform me of her departure

Commodore

20 groups  
2 words.

(Cypher)

Governor to British Consul, Montevideo.

Sent End May, 1916.

For H.M.S. Glasgow Gorsemore left on 23rd April with  
H.M.S. Lancaster for the Pacific

Governor.

10 groups

4 words.

H.M.S."LANCASTER"

29th April, 1916

Sir,

I have directed the S.S."GORSEMORE" to return to Port Stanley.

There is a defective plate in combustion chamber of one boiler, which has been patched by artificers from this Ship, but under the circumstances, I do not consider it advisable for the Ship to undertake the long journey to St. Lucia by the West Coast.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



CAPTAIN.

To.

His EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR  
of the FALKLAND ISLANDS.

STANLEY.

No

[Form No. M. 2.]

Stanley, The Falkland Islands,

5 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.

*G. Smith*

Harbour Master.

1.—Name of the Vessel?	<i>Gorsemore</i>			
2.—Name of the Commander?	<i>W. Gooley</i>			
3.—Port of Registry?	<i>Liverpool</i>			
4.—Tonnage, Number of Guns, and Crew?	Registered Tonnage.	No. of Guns.	No. of Crew.	Gunpowder.
	<i>2979</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>-</i>
5.—Whence do you come?	<i>Straits of Magellan</i>			
6.—Name the Ports at which you have since touched?	<i>Punta Arenas to deliver orders <sup>etc</sup> landed</i>			
7.—On what date did you sail?	<i>1/5/16 Punta Arenas</i>			
8.—To what Port are you bound?	<i>Stanley for orders</i>			
9.—Of what does the cargo consist?	<i>1500 tons Admiralty coal</i>			
10.—If you have a Bill of Health produce it?	<i>Produced</i>			
11.—Is every one on board in a perfectly healthy state?	<i>Yes</i>			
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?	<i>No</i>			
13.—Has any person died on board during the voyage: and if so, from what cause.	<i>No</i>			
14.—Have you boarded, or been boarded, or communicated with any vessel during this voyage?	<i>No</i>			
15.—Was every vessel communicated with free from all disease?	<i>No</i>			
16.—What is your draught of water?	<i>18 ft</i>			
17.—Number of passengers for Colony?	<i>None</i>			

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*W. Gooley*  
Master.

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Surgeon.

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Bunkers 300 tons (appx),  
Consumption 222 : daily

27<sup>th</sup> April Boiler trouble ordered by Howland  
to return to Stanley

H. G.

(Cypher)

Sent by Cable.

Governor to Admiralty.

Sent 5th May, 1916.

5th May Collier Gorsemore arrived Leves to-day to join  
H.M.S. Glasgow Rio de la Plata

Governor

9 groups

3 words.

Cypher  
Sent by Navy Wireless.

Governor to K. R.

Sent 5th May, 1916.

5th May Collier Gorsemore arrived and leaves to-day will arrive  
rendezvous morning of 12th May Governor.

11 groups.

Governor to H. A.

Sent 5th May, 1916.

5th May Collier Gorsemore returned to-day Friday.  
Have you received my message re two colliers what are  
your orders as to them Governor.

15 groups.



(Cypher)

By Wireless (Navy)

Governor to K. R.

Sent 6th May, 1916.

My message 5th May Collier Gorsemore delayed  
on account of bad weather left to-day will  
arrive rendezvous morning of 13th May