

# FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Governor's Office.

No.

66/16

Date of Receipt.

WAR/WW1/1#24

From

SUBJECT.

~~SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE~~  
Colonies.

"WATHFIELD"

GOVERNOR

Orders respecting

No.

Date

Telegram.

20th Feb., 1916.

Colonial Secretary's  
Record No.

MINUTES.

Registered Number  
of last Despatch.

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1. Telegram to Admiralty 20 Feb 1916
2. Signal from H.M.S. Edinburgh Castle 22.2.16
3. Telegram from Admiralty 23 Feb 1916
4. Minute to desist Crawford. 23. " 1916
5. Telegram to Admiralty 26 " "
6. Telegram from Admiralty 27 " "
7. Telegram to Admiralty 29 Feb 1916
8. Telegram to British Minister B.A. 29 " '16.

No. next Despatch.

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Governor to Admiralty, London.

Sent 20th February, 1916.

Wathfield empty ready to proceed 23rd February  
please telegraph orders

Governor.

10 groups.

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SIGNAL FROM CAPTAIN OF H.M.S. EDINBURGH CASTLE TO GOVERNOR.

22nd February, 1916.

I have taken 585 tons from Collier Wathfield she has 504 tons remaining in her. She has gone into Port Stanley to anchor. I think I shall be able to clear her on the 25th. Suggest transferring steaming stores she has for squadron to the Gorsemore when she takes bunker coal

*Stores transferred to Gorsemore as suggested above.*

*"Wathfield" took 100 tons bunker coal from "Gorsemore" and gave her 100 in exchange. This exchange to allow Gorsemore to move some of her heated coal.*

*J.  
28.2.16*

(Cypher)

Admiralty London to Governor.

Dated 22nd February Received 23rd February, 1916.

12.50 Am.

4.35 Am.

Collier Wathfield is to proceed Bahia Blanca and on arrival  
Master should get in touch with Houlder Brothers Buenos  
Aires. No Government flags or papers to be on board  
as ship proceeding neutral Port

34 groups.

*Spec. c/p.*

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Government House, Stanley.

No. 365/15.

23rd February, 1916.

Lieut. J. R. Crawford,

R. N. V. R.

Please instruct the Master of the S. S. "Wathfield" to proceed to Bahia Blanca, immediately after finishing bunkering H. M. S. Edinburgh Castle.

On arrival at Bahia Blanca the Master should get into touch with Messrs Houlder Brothers, Buenos Aires and be guided accordingly.

*Douglas Young*  
Governor.

P. S. I send ~~this~~ Minute in duplicate in order that you may hand a copy to the Master of the "Wathfield".

No Government Flags or papers are to be left on board as ship is proceeding to neutral Port. Please see to this

*Douglas Young*  
Governor.

Cypher.

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Governor to Admiralty, London.

Sent 26th February, 1916.

Wathfield requires charts Bahia Blanca do you approve

Governor.

9 groups.

Cypher.

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Admiralty to Governor Falkland Islands.

Dated 27th February Received 27th February, 1916.

With reference to your message of yesterday issue charts  
Bahia Blanca Nos. 13 31 and 3755 to Wathfield. Remove  
Admiralty labels from charts

Admiralty

21 groups

5 words.

*Harbours Master instructed accordingly.*

*D.  
20. 2. 16*

(Cypher)

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Governor to Admiralty, London.

Sent 29th February, 1916.

Wathfield sailed for Bahia Blanca 29th February

Governor



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(Cypher)

Governor to British Minister, Buenos Aires.

Sent 29th February, 1916.

Wathfield left to-day for Bahia Blanca to place herself  
in communication with Houlder Brothers Buenos Aires

Governor.