

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No.

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Governor's Office.

From

SUBJECT.

Secretary of State for the Colonies.

SUBMARINE CABLE

Laying of

No.

Date

Cablegrams.

29th August, 1915

MINUTES.

Colonial Secretary's Record No.

*P. Co. informed at meeting held on 9th Sept.
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9.9.15.*

Registered Number of last Despatch.

No. next Despatch.

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Secretary of State to Governor.

Dated 26th November Received 26th November, 1915.

UNFRAMED 107 PRODRANA PAGANELLE TERNION ORSHANET STANCHION SLEEPING
IMMINGLED BUZZINGLY ARCTOPE RECEIVE APHACOUS TIMES NIGGERLING
ANCIENTRY DAYWORK CONSIDERED ROLDONES DERNEFUL BONARLAW.

With reference to your despatch No. 107 approved proposals contained
in paragraph 4 on the understanding that one of the telegraph
operators sleeping in the cable office will be available to receive
at all times at night arrangements for daywork considered satisfactory
despatch follows by mail

Bonarlaw.

Governor to Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Chapelries, London.

THIS
ARACEOUS ORANGEMEN PARENDUM REMOTE CHORISTER FACILENESS LINKED TODAY
FLAXSEED SUNBEAM CABALGADOR SURMARK MOTHER COUNTRY BEG BY THIS FIRST
BUZZARDET TACKLINGS RETEM TO TENDERR HINDLEG ASSURANCE OFFERTOR
LOYALTY AND DECOCCOUS HIS MAJESTYS PERSON AND THRONE SILVERGRAY THIS
PEOPLE TRACKLESS HIS MAJESTYS SUBJECTS HIPAGORAS AND THROUGHOUT
HIS VAST EMPIRE PRAY SUBSANABLE WAR TOSSUP FORCED UPON HIS MAJESTY
BE
MAY BE HIS MAJESTYS NASENAPFEL FORCLIS BROUGHT TO AN EARLY AND SLIDERRAIL
SUBDUCING YOUNG

29th August On behalf of the people of this remote Colony of Falkland
Islands linked to-day for the first time by cable to the Mother Country
I beg by this first cable message transmitted respectfully to tender
H.M. the King assurance of their loyalty and devotion to His Majesty's
Person and Throne. This people with other His Majesty's subjects at
home and throughout His Vast Empire pray that the ^{War} which has been
forced upon His Majesty may by His Majesty's Naval and Military forces
be brought to an early and successful termination.

Young.

Sent by Cable on 29th August, 1915.

PALM KLAND ISLANDS.

Government House, Stanley.

No. 107

2nd September, 1915.

Sir,

With reference to my despatch No 104 of the 2nd instant, reporting the successful laying of the Admiralty cable between Monte Video and this Colony on the 29th August, I have the honour to inform you that a Senior Operator, in charge, from the Western Telegraph Company's Office at Monte Video, with three assistant operators arrived by the Cable Ship "Colonia" on the 27th August, and that these gentlemen have been found lodgings in Stanley, as directed by your telegram of the 20th February last. They do not however appear to know the conditions of their employment here, whether given free board and lodging, or otherwise, and have referred to me, but as neither the Admiralty Local Representative nor myself has received any instructions on the subject, I am not in a position to inform them.

2. The Cable Ship landed for the Cable Office 116 packages containing complete sets of instruments, batteries etc., etc., cable repairing implements, with four large cable mooring buoys, and a large supply of stationery. The cases containing the instruments etc. required for immediate use have been opened. The remaining cases have been taken charge of by the Colonial Engineer until wanted, and the repairing implements and buoys I have had placed in the Naval Dockyard for safe keeping.

3. The

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

3. The frame for the Cable Office, previously sent out by the Admiralty in the s.s. "Freshfield", has been erected, and the work upon it will be finished in about another five weeks, as reported in my despatch No. 89 of the 16th August. It has been found necessary in a climate like this to put down a wooden floor not previously provided for, over the concrete. It is also necessary to erect peat-shed and an out-house, this I am having done at an estimated cost of £350.

4. The Cable Office building is such that arrangements can be made to provide, though small, suitable quarters (a sitting room and two bedrooms and a kitchen) for two operators. I submit that it will be more convenient and less expensive if this arrangement be carried out at once than to provide separate quarters or lodgings for the operators. If the Admiralty approve of this being done, I shall be glad to receive their approval by telegram, so that the work may be proceeded with without delay.

5. I ask that I may be fully instructed as to the wishes of the Admiralty as regard hours of working and nature and conditions under which present staff is employed.

6. The following hours of working at the Cable Office have been arranged until further orders:-

Week Days

From 7.0 a.m.	to	3.30 a.m.
" 9.30 "	"	1.0 p.m.
" 2.0 p.m.	"	6.0 p.m.
" 8.30 "	"	9.30 "

On Sundays

At 3.0 a.m.
" Noon
" 5.0 p.m.
" 9.0 "

and if required at any time,

at 2.0 a.m. 4.0 a.m. and 6.0 a.m.

as arranged with the Monte Video Cable Office.

7. I venture to submit for consideration.

(1) That it will be sufficient if the cable office be kept open daily from 7a.m. to 9.30 p.m. during the hours mentioned above, and at such other times as the Governor may at any time require. As we have an all day and night Wireless service at the Government Station it does not appear to me to be necessary to keep the cable office open throughout the night except as may be ordered on exceptional occasions.

(2) That all Government telegrams be sent and received by the cable, and such other telegrams of a public or private nature as the Governor may authorize.

(3) That the forwarding rates for private messages by the cable be the same as the Government Wireless, viz.

To Monte Video

Minimum rate 4/2 for ten words plus 6d for each word.

Over ten words 11d (5d - 6d) for each word.

In addition to above forwarding charges from Monte Video to destination.

(For instance, rate at present 2/10 a word by cable from Monte Video to London.

A message from Stanley to London

of 6 words would cost £1. 4. 2

£ 10 " " " 1.17. 6)

(4) That a staff of two, a senior operator incharge with an assistant operator and an Office messenger (local boy) will be sufficient, as is found to be the case in the smaller colonies of the West Indies.

(5) That

(5) That the quarters in the Cable Office be furnished at the expense of the Admiralty with necessary articles of furniture, and that the staff of two operators be given the quarters free of rent.

(6) That the salaries and other expenses of the station be advanced to the Admiralty from the Colonial Treasury, to be recovered through the Crown Agents in the usual way.

8. For the present the Western Telegraph Company has deposited funds with the Falkland Islands Company in London to enable the operator in charge of the Cable Office here, to draw on the local Falkland Islands Company as he requires funds.

9. This Government at present pays to the local Falkland Islands Company the sum of £1,000 a month to meet their requirements a like sum being paid to the Crown Agents on behalf of this Government by the Falkland Islands Company in London. If it will meet the convenience of the Admiralty the funds necessary for the payment monthly of the Staff, and for the maintenance of the Cable Office might be advanced direct on account of the Admiralty from the Colonial Treasury, to be recovered from the Admiralty through the Crown Agents in London in usual manner.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

Humble servant,

Douglas Young
Governor.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 104

Government House, Stanley.

2nd September, 1915.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that the laying of the Admiralty Cable from Monte Video to Stanley of this Colony was completed on the 29th August, 1915, and cable communication was established with the Mother Country on same date.

The first message sent over the cable was my telegram to you of the 29th August, tendering, on behalf of the People of the Colony, an assurance of their loyalty to His Majesty the King. I enclose a copy of my cable to you.

2. I have had the honour to-day to receive your telegram conveying His Majesty's gracious appreciation of the assurance tendered to Him.

3. I have caused these messages to be published for general information in the Colony.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

Douglas Young
Governor.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

Admiralty Wireless

4, ^{Marconi} Operators, ^{Senior} Wireless ^{Communication} Lt Adv

3 Came out in Freshfield in May
as have done no work -

4, ^{Wireless} Marconi Engineers with Com rank
3 also came out in London &
1 in Freshfield

have been employed -

4, Wireless Engineers also sent out
2 sent back in days of distressing
in range
2 remaining

Have done nothing since they have
been here as work for them
as not required -

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2.9 -

3. Est Wireless Station

2 from here

1 local.

4. Operators for Cable.

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Governor to Admiralty

Sent by Cable 29th August, 1915.

29th August Laying of submarine cable from Monte Video
successfully completed to-day Sunday congratulations from
Colony .

Governor

Falkland Islands.

Admiralty to Governor

Received 31st August, 1915.

Admiralty very pleased accept congratulations from
Colony and express their thanks.

Secretary of State to Governor.

Received 2nd September, 1915.

UNFENTRED HEARTDEEP HIPBRIER AND HIOBSPOTE AMEZYGON
LOYAL SENTIMENTS AND PRAYERS OFFERT PEOPLE OFFERT
FACILENTSS. BONAR LAW

Your telegram 29th August has been laid before HIS MAJESTY
and HIS MAJESTY the KING commands me to express his high
appreciation of loyal sentiments and prayers of the people
of the Falkland Islands.

Bonar Law.