

# FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 453/15

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## Governor's Office.

From

SUBJECT.

~~The Secretary of State for the Colonies.~~  
GOVERNOR.

TELEGRAPH CABLE BROKEN.

No.

Date

Telegram. 18th Decr., 1915.

Colonial Secretary's Record No.

### MINUTES.

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Naval Cable Station,

Port Stanley.

Dec. 18th. 15.

Lieut. J.R.Crawford R.N.V.R.

Senior Naval Officer.

Sir,

I have to report that communication with Monte Video is interrupted.

We were out off whilst receiving the usual unofficial news at 10.35 this morning and have been unable to communicate with Monte Video since.

My conditions at this end have been examined and found in order.

A rough test taken at 11.20am proved continuity to within a short distance of Monte Video Cable House and I am arranging to take further tests later.

The disconnection may be due to an interruption of the underground cables at Monte Video or more possibly an anchor break in the Port.

Should the Repair Ship be within call restoration might be expected within a day or two.

Continuous watch will be kept from 7am-7pm. There is no likelihood of a repair being effected outside these hours.

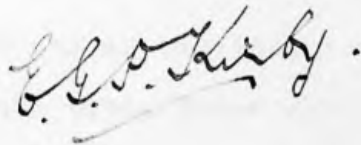
My Staff have been instructed to make no comment outside regarding the interruption.

Two private cables were handed in yesterday and are still on hand. Are these to be returned or retained and will you please direct me with reference to the acceptance of others.

You will be informed immediately of any further developments.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "E. C. Kirby".

Supt.

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(Cypher)

Governor to British Consul Montevideo.

Sent 18th December, 1915.

18th December Telegraph cable has broken down with Monte  
Video tests shew signs of break Mone Video end please  
ascertain position can you inform me Governor Falkland  
Islands please inform Admiralty.

*Sent by wireless.*

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Senior Naval Officer.

Sir,

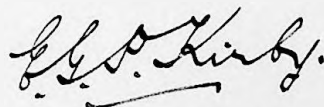
I beg to inform you that communication with Monte Video was restored at 5pm today and that normal working conditions have been resumed.

The Repair-Ship "Cormorant" arrived on the ground this morning and communicated with Port Stanley at 11.9am. After the usual routine work the ship informed us at 3pm the cable could be taken for traffic in two hours.

The interruption was caused by the anchor of S.S.Darnholme dragging through the cable about 1½ miles outside Monte Video.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Supt.

Cypher.

Governor to Admiralty, London.

Sent 20th December, 1915.

Monte Video Falkland Islands telegraph cable broken by

Darnholme at Monte Video 18th December repaired 20th December.

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