
DESPATCHES FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

No. 169.—With reference to Government Notification No. 15 of the 22nd January, 1915, the following revised memorandum issued by the Foreign Office respecting the transmission of money and letters to enemy countries is published for general information.

The Foreign Office cannot assume any responsibility for the forwarding of money, letters, or messages to individual persons abroad.

Payments of money to British subjects detained in enemy countries and unable to return to His Majesty's Dominions do not constitute an infringement of the Trading with the Enemy Proclamation, but it may be found necessary to forward such remittances through a neutral country.

It is suggested that persons not having friends or correspondents in neutral countries may find it possible to forward the money through Messrs. Thomas Cook and Son, or some similar agency.

Private letters to Germany, Austria-Hungary, and the Ottoman Empire are now allowed to be forwarded through neutral countries *subject to the usual conditions of the censorship*, but cannot be sent direct. Letters should not be sent through British or foreign Embassies, Legations, or Consulates in neutral countries. British subjects and others wishing to communicate with friends in enemy countries must forward their letters through an agency in a neutral country selected by themselves.

Such letters must be in open envelopes enclosed in a covering letter, which must be sent through the usual postal channel to the correspondent or agency in the neutral country by which they are to be forwarded. Senders must make their own arrangements as to obtaining the necessary stamps, &c. Attempts to send such letters out of the United Kingdom by any means other than the post render persons concerned in them liable to prosecution under the Defence of the Realm Regulations. Letters should be as brief as possible, and should contain nothing but matter of a personal nature. They will be subject both to British and enemy censorship, and may be written either in the English language or in that of the country to which they are to be sent.

The Foreign Office in making the above suggestions cannot guarantee the safe delivery of either money or letters.

Foreign Office, 1915.

PROCLAMATIONS.

No. 15.

[L.S.] **FRANCIS HENRY MAY,**
Governor.

Whereas it is expedient that the sittings of the Police Court at Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong be held elsewhere than in the building at present known as the Police Court:

Now therefore I Sir FRANCIS HENRY MAY Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies and Vice-Admiral of the same do hereby appoint that from and after the 26th day of April 1915 the sittings of the said Police Court shall no longer be held in the building at present known as the Police Court but shall be held in the Courts specified in the schedule hereto situate in the building recently built on the site of the old Magistracy and to be known as "The Magistracy".