

DESPATCHES FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

No. 529.

CIRCULAR (2).

DOWNING STREET,

22nd October, 1915.

Sir,—With reference to my telegram of the 15th instant, I have the honour to inform you that it was decided to declare a blockade of the whole of the Bulgarian coast in the Ægean, and that effect has been given to this decision by the Vice-Admiral Commanding, Eastern Mediterranean Squadron, as from 6 a.m. on the 16th instant.

I have, &c.,

A. BONAR LAW.

The Officer Administering the Government of
HONGKONG.

PROCLAMATIONS.

No. 530.—The following Proclamation of His Majesty the KING is published for general information:—

By the KING.

A PROCLAMATION

EXTENDING TO THE WAR WITH BULGARIA THE PROCLAMATIONS AND ORDERS IN COUNCIL
NOW IN FORCE RELATING TO THE WAR.

GEORGE R.I.

WHEREAS, owing to the King of the Bulgarians, an Ally of the Central Powers, being now in a state of war with the King of Serbia, Our Ally, a state of war now exists between Us and the King of the Bulgarians;

AND WHEREAS on the 4th day of August, 1914, a state of war came into existence between Us and the German Emperor;

AND WHEREAS We did on the same date and on certain other dates subsequent thereto issue certain Proclamations and Orders in Council connected with such state of war;

AND WHEREAS on the 12th day of August, 1914, a state of war came into existence between Us and the Emperor of Austria, King of Hungary;

AND WHEREAS certain of the aforesaid Proclamations and Orders in Council have since been extended so as to cover the state of war between Us and the Emperor of Austria, King of Hungary;

AND WHEREAS on the 5th day of November, 1914, a state of war came into existence between Us and the Sultan of Turkey;

AND WHEREAS certain of the aforesaid Proclamations and Orders in Council have since been extended so as to cover the state of war between Us and the Sultan of Turkey;

AND WHEREAS We have since the said 5th day of November, 1914, issued certain other Proclamations and Orders in Council with reference to the state of war between Us and the German Emperor, the Emperor of Austria, King of Hungary, and the Sultan of Turkey;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable now to provide for the state of war between Us and the King of the Bulgarians;