

## 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, &amp;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;

AND WHEREAS the Convention relating to the status of enemy merchant vessels at the outbreak of hostilities, signed at The Hague on the 18th day of October, 1907, has not been ratified by the King of the Bulgarians, and therefore We do not think fit to extend to Bulgarian ships the Order in Council issued on the 4th day of August, 1914, with reference to the departure from Our ports of enemy vessels, which at the outbreak of hostilities were in any such port or which subsequently entered the same ;

Now, therefore, We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, to issue this Our Royal Proclamation declaring, and it is hereby declared, as follows :—

1. The Proclamations and Orders in Council issued with reference to the state of war between Us and the German Emperor, or with reference to the state of war between Us and the German Emperor and the Emperor of Austria, King of Hungary, or 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, other than the Order in Council issued on the 4th day of August, 1914, with reference to the departure from Our ports of enemy vessels, which at the outbreak of hostilities were in any such ports, or which subsequently entered the same, shall, if still in force, apply to the state of war between Us and the King of the Bulgarians as from this 16th day of October, 1915.

2. The Proclamation issued on the 5th day of August, 1914, warning all Our subjects, and all persons resident or being in Our Dominions, from contributing to or participating in, or assisting in the floating of, any loan raised on behalf of the German Government, or from advancing money to or entering into any contract or dealings whatsoever with the said Government, or otherwise aiding, abetting, or assisting the said Government, shall be deemed as from this 16th day of October, 1915, to apply to all loans raised on behalf of, or contracts or dealings entered into with, or to aiding, abetting, or assisting the Bulgarian Government.

3. The words "enemy country" in any of the Proclamations or Orders in Council referred to in Article 1 of this Proclamation shall include the Dominions of the King of the Bulgarians, and the words "persons of enemy nationality" in any of the said Proclamations or Orders in Council shall include subjects of the King of the Bulgarians.

Given at Our Court at Buckingham Palace, this sixteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, and in the sixth year of Our Reign.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

No. 34.

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

By His Excellency 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 :

Whereas by the second section of the Military Stores (Exportation) Ordinance 1862 as amended by the Military Stores (Exportation) Ordinance 1914 it is enacted that it shall be lawful for the Governor by and with the advice of the Executive Council by proclamation to prohibit for such period as may be therein mentioned to be exported from the Colony of Hongkong arms ammunition and gunpowder military and naval stores and any articles which the Governor may judge capable of being converted into or made useful in increasing the quantity of military or naval stores provisions or any sort of victual which may be used as food by man or any or either of such arms ammunition gunpowder stores goods or articles respectively :

And whereas by the third section of the Military Stores (Exportation) Ordinance 1862 as enacted by the Military Stores (Exportation) Ordinance 1914 it is provided that it shall be lawful for the Governor by and with the advice of the Executive Council by proclamation to prohibit for such period as may be therein mentioned the exportation of all or any of the following articles namely arms ammunition military and naval stores and any articles which the Governor shall judge capable of being converted into or made useful in increasing the quantity of arms ammunition or military or naval stores to any country or place therein named whenever the Governor by and with the advice aforesaid shall judge such prohibition to be expedient in order to prevent such arms ammunition or military or naval stores being used against His Majesty's subjects or forces or against any forces engaged or which may be engaged in military or naval operations in co-operation with His Majesty's forces :

And whereas by the fourth section of the Military Stores (Exportation) Ordinance 1862 as renumbered by the Military Stores (Exportation) Ordinance 1914 it is enacted that the Governor may whilst any such proclamation is in force permit to be exported or to be water-borne to be so exported any particular articles or class of articles the export of which is prohibited by such proclamation to such persons and on such terms and subject to such conditions and regulations if any as to the Governor may seem fit and may at any time revoke or vary the terms of any such permission :

And whereas by sub-clause (9) of clause III of the order of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria-in-Council made on the 26th day of October 1896 as amended by the order of His Majesty-in-Council made on the 28th day of August 1914 it is enacted that the Governor may prohibit the export from the Colony of any article :

And whereas by a proclamation dated the 17th day of September 1915 the exportation of certain articles therein referred to from the Colony was prohibited to certain or all destinations :

And whereas by proclamations dated respectively the 1st and 29th days of October and the 19th day of November 1915 the said proclamation of the 17th day of September 1915 was amended as therein stated :

And whereas it is expedient that the said proclamation of the 17th day of September 1915 so amended as aforesaid should be further amended :

And whereas the articles other than arms ammunition or military or naval stores hereinafter enumerated are articles which I with the advice aforesaid judge capable of being converted into or made useful in increasing the quantity of arms ammunition or military or naval stores :

And whereas in order to prevent such arms ammunition or military or naval stores being used against His Majesty's subjects or forces or against any forces engaged or which may be engaged in military or naval operations in co-operation with His Majesty's forces I with the advice aforesaid have deemed it expedient to prohibit the exportation of the articles hereinafter enumerated :

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 by and with the advice of the Executive Council of this Colony and in virtue and exercise of the aforesaid powers do by this Proclamation declare and it is hereby declared that the above-mentioned proclamation of the 17th day of September 1915 so amended as aforesaid be and the same is hereby further amended as follows :—

- (1.) That the heading "Blankets, coloured, exceeding 3½ lbs. in weight, containing wool" in the list of goods the exportation of which is prohibited to all destinations other than the United Kingdom and British Possessions and Protectorates be deleted, and there be inserted in the list of goods the exportation of which is prohibited to all foreign countries in Europe and on the Mediterranean and Black Seas, other than France, Russia (except through Baltic ports), Italy, Spain and Portugal, the heading "Blankets, of all descriptions."
- (2.) That the heading "Harness and saddlery which can be used for military purposes, including metal fittings for such harness or saddlery" in the list of goods the exportation of which is prohibited to all destinations

other than the United Kingdom and British Possessions and Protectorates be deleted, and there be substituted therefor the heading "Harness and saddlery, including metal fittings for such harness or saddlery."

- (3.) That the headings "Goatskins, dressed and undressed," "Sheepskins, tanned," and "Sheepskins, whether woolled or not" in the list of goods the exportation of which is prohibited to all destinations other than the United Kingdom and British Possessions and Protectorates be deleted, and there be substituted therefor the headings "Sheepskins, woolled," and "Skins of sheep and goats, undressed or dressed, other than those the exportation of which is specifically prohibited to all foreign countries in Europe and on the Mediterranean and Black Seas, other than France, Russia (except through Baltic ports), Italy, Spain and Portugal."
- (4.) That the headings "Deerskins, dressed and undressed," and "Pigskins, dressed or undressed," in the list of goods the exportation of which is prohibited to all destinations other than the United Kingdom and British Possessions and Protectorates be deleted, and there be inserted in the list of goods the exportation of which is prohibited to all foreign countries in Europe and on the Mediterranean and Black Seas, other than France, Russia (except through Baltic ports), Italy, Spain and Portugal the heading "Deerskins, undressed or dressed."
- (5.) That the heading "Salts of aluminium (other than alunite and nitrate of aluminium)" in the list of goods the exportation of which is prohibited to all foreign countries in Europe and on the Mediterranean and Black Seas, other than France, Russia (except through Baltic ports), Italy, Spain and Portugal, be deleted, and there be substituted therefor the heading "Salts of aluminium (other than alunite, ammonium alum and nitrate of aluminium, the exportation which is already prohibited to all destinations other than the United Kingdom and British Possessions and Protectorates)."
- (6.) That the heading "Cotton fabric, suitable for aircraft" in the list of goods the exportation of which is prohibited to all destinations other than the United Kingdom and British Possessions and Protectorates be deleted. (a)
- (7.) That the heading "Cotton yarn and thread" in the list of goods the exportation of which is prohibited to all foreign countries in Europe and on the Mediterranean and Black Seas, other than France, Russia (except through Baltic ports), Italy, Spain and Portugal, be deleted, and there be substituted therefor the heading "All manufactures and products of cotton, except cotton lace and cotton waste." (b)
- (8.) That the heading "Grindstones, carborundum wheels, and emery wheels" in the list of goods the exportation of which is prohibited to all foreign countries in Europe and on the Mediterranean and Black Seas, other than France, Russia (except through Baltic ports), Italy, Spain and Portugal, be deleted and there be substituted therefor the headings :—
  - Grindstones ; and
  - Emery, corundum, natural or artificial (such as alundum), carborundum and crystolon, and manufactures thereof (including wheels, discs, paper, cloth, stones, and powder).
- (9.) That the exportation of the following goods, which is at present prohibited to all destinations other than the United Kingdom and British Possessions and Protectorates, be prohibited to all foreign countries in Europe and on the Mediterranean and Black Seas, other than France, Russia (except through Baltic ports), Italy, Spain and Portugal :—
  - Chronometers and all kinds of nautical instruments ;
  - Compasses for ships, and parts thereof, including fittings such as binnacles ;
  - Hair, animal, of all kinds ; and tops, noils and yarns of animal hair.

(a.) But see paragraph (7) below.

(b.) But note that "cotton waste of all descriptions" is prohibited to all destinations other than the United Kingdom and British Possessions and Protectorates.

(10.) That the exportation of the following goods should be prohibited to all destinations other than the United Kingdom and British Possessions and Protectorates:—

Acetic ether;  
Copper wire, insulated, electric light wires and cables and power cables;  
Ether;  
Gold coin and gold bullion;  
Leather belting, hydraulic leather, pump leather and picking bands;  
Phosgene (carbonyl chloride);  
Platinum;  
Steariner pitch and other pitches derived from fatty oils and acids.

(11.) That the exportation of the following goods be prohibited to all foreign countries in Europe and on the Mediterranean and Black Seas, other than France, Russia (except through Baltic ports), Italy, Spain and Portugal:—

Arsenical ore;  
Black plates, and black sheets under one-eighth inch in thickness;  
Book-binding leathers;  
Borax, boric acid, and other boron compounds;  
Chamois, glacé kid, morocco, persians, roans, and seal leather;  
Cocoanut, desiccated;  
Furs, dressed or undressed, and manufactures thereof;  
Leather suitable for textile machinery, except picking bands;  
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Given under my hand and the Public Seal of the Colony at Victoria Hongkong this 10th day of December 1915.

By Command,

CLAUD SEVERN,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

GOD SAVE THE KING.

### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

#### No. 531.

*Regulations made by the Governor-in-Council under Section 62 (e) and (f) of the Opium Ordinance, 1914, (Ordinance No. 4 of 1914), this 10th day of December, 1915.*

The Regulations made by the Governor-in-Council under Section 62 (e) and (f) of the Opium Ordinance, 1914, on the 22nd day of July, 1915, and published in the *Gazette* of the 23rd day of July, 1915, are hereby amended as follows:—

- (a.) In Regulation No. 2 the figures \$35.00 are substituted for the figures \$30.75.  
(b.) In Regulation No. 3 the figures \$11.00 are substituted for the figures \$10.00.

A. G. M. FLETCHER,  
*Clerk of Councils.*

COUNCIL CHAMBER,  
10th December, 1915.