

Certified copies are issued by the secretary.

Article 20.—When the conditions of distribution of the objects captured and confiscated have been drawn up and published in accordance with article 241 of the Mercantile Marine Code for the settlement of claims, the interested parties should send to the president of the Commission a statement of the grounds on which they base their claims.

The Commission is then again convoked by the president, and, after hearing what the Government commissioners may have to say, shall then take a final decision.

Article 21.—The office of the secretary is open to the public on week days from 10 to 12 and from 4 to 6 and on holidays from 10 to 12.

Article 22.—The judgment as to the legality of capture given in name of the Government and the drawing up of the conditions of distribution are considered as done in the exclusive interest of the public service (and therefore not liable to stamp duties).

But the acts submitted or demanded during the case by private persons, and their documents, instances and pleas, as well as copies of the sentences, and the ordinances asked for by the parties, must be drawn up and delivered in accordance with the laws of the realm regulating stamp and registration duties.

The parties themselves must deposit beforehand with the secretary of the Commission the sheets of stamped paper necessary for drawing up the acts asked for or rendered necessary by them, and the estimated amount of registration duty, to which the decisions relative to the eventual acceptance of their instances are subject, to be calculated when the secretary has completed the formalities of registration.

No. 536.—The following lists which appeared in the *London Gazette* of the 8th, 15th and 22nd October, 1915, are published for general information.

CLAUD SEVERN,  
Colonial Secretary.

10th December, 1915.

VESSELS DETAINED OR CAPTURED AT SEA BY  
HIS MAJESTY'S ARMED FORCES.

(In continuation of the previous notification published in the "*Hongkong Government Gazette*" of the 19th November, 1915.)

LIST OF VESSELS.

Name & Tonnage.	Nationality.	Where Detained.	Name & Tonnage.	Nationality.	Where Detained.
Adjutant (133) ...	German ...	Grimsby	Nereus (133) .....	German ...	Grimsby
Blumenthal (141) .	German ...	Grimsby	Orion (158) .....	German ...	Newcastle
Burgermeister			Paul (153) .....	German ...	Grimsby
Smidt (145) .....	German ...	Grimsby	President Rose		
Burhave (218) .....	German ...	Grimsby	(159).....	German ...	Grimsby
Consul Crofitzon			Resie (155) .....	German ...	Grimsby
(2306) .....	Swedish ...	Swansea	St. Georg (142) ...	German ...	Grimsby
Darmstadt (158) ...	German ...	Newcastle	Sonntag (156) .....	German ...	Grimsby
Doktor Krugler			Sophie (182) .....	German ...	Grimsby
(218).....	German ...	Grimsby	Toni (130) .....	German ...	Grimsby
Dora (133) .....	German ...	Grimsby	Varel (137) .....	German ...	Grimsby
Elma (133) .....	German ...	Grimsby	West (112) .....	German ...	Grimsby
Heppens (170).....	German ...	Grimsby	Wulsdorf (140) ...	German ...	Grimsby
Herbert (149) .....	German ...	Grimsby	Wurzburg (224) ...	German ...	Grimsby
Jutland .....	German ...	Grimsby			

LIST OF SHIPS WHOSE CARGOES, OR PART OF THEM,  
HAVE BEEN DETAINED.

(In continuation of the previous notification published in the "Hongkong  
Government Gazette" of the 19th November, 1915.)

LIST OF VESSELS.

Name of Vessel.	Nationality.	Cargo Detained at	Name of Vessel.	Nationality.	Cargo Detained at
Algarve .....	Danish.....	Newcastle	Minsk .....	Danish.....	Kirkwall
Antonio .....	Spanish ...	Sierra Leone	Omsk .....	Danish.....	Newcastle
Avesta .....	Swedish ...	Kirkwall	Oscar II. ....	Danish.....	Liverpool
Baron Stjernblad...	Danish.....	Tyne	Petros .....	Greek .....	Malta
Capella .....	Norwegian.	London	Ramstad .....	Norwegian.	Cardiff
Ester.....	Swedish ...	Fleetwood	Romny .....	Danish.....	South Shields
Frederik VIII.....	Danish.....	Kirkwall	San Miguel .....	Norwegian.	North Shields
Garonne .....	Danish.....	South Shields	Santa Cruz .....	Norwegian.	North Shields
Isla de Panay .....	Spanish ...	Sierra Leone	Skogland .....	Norwegian.	Lerwick
Louisiana .....	Danish.....	Kirkwall	Stanja .....	Norwegian.	Lerwick
M. I. Mandal .....	Danish.....	Ayr	Virginia .....	Danish.....	Grimsby

TREASURY.

No. 537.—Financial Statement for the month of September, 1915.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

Balance of Assets and Liabilities on 31st August, 1915,.....	\$ 2,488,162.46
Revenue from 1st to 30th September, 1915, .....	971,551.41
	3,459,713.87
Expenditure from 1st to 30th September, 1915, .....	937,697.22
	Balance,.....\$ 2,522,016.65

Assets and Liabilities on the 30th September, 1915.

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
	\$ c.		\$ c.
Deposits not Available, .....	1,016,050.82	Subsidiary Coins, .....	595,288.36
House Service Account, .....	7,394.57	Advances, .....	86,469.82
Postal Agencies, .....	12,192.32	Imprest, .....	34,209.16
Overdraft, Bank, .....	2,924,643.22	Crown Agents' Deposit Account,.....	1,368,239.21
Do., Crown Agents' Current Account,	19,255.12	Unallocated Stores, (P.W.D.),.....	300,356.38
Exchange, .....	201.88	Unallocated Stores, (Railway), .....	135,548.29
		Balance, .....	1,459,616.71
			TOTAL,.....\$ 3,979,737.93
Total Liabilities,.....\$	3,979,737.93		

Debit Balance as above, .....	\$ 1,459,616.71
Reimbursement due on account Railway Construction, (Wuchang Loan, £110,000 and Loan under Ordinance No. 8 of 1913, £250,000), .....	3,981,633.36
	Credit Balance,.....\$ 2,522,016.65

A. M. THOMSON,  
Treasurer.

4th December, 1915.