

DESPATCHES FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

No. 416.—The following despatch of the Secretary of State for the Colonies is published for general information.

A. G. M. FLETCHER,
Colonial Secretary.

25th October, 1918.

CIRCULAR.

DOWNING STREET,
10th August, 1918.

SIR,—I have the honour to invite your attention to the provision in No. 14H of the Defence of the Realm Regulations, which was added by the Order in Council of 19th July, 1918, and amended by the Order in Council of 2nd August, 1918, prohibiting the assumption or use after 18th August, 1918, by a person other than a natural born British subject, of any name other than that by which he was ordinarily known at the date of the commencement of the War.

2. Publicity should be given to the Order in the territory under your administration in case any persons affected thereby should contemplate offering themselves as recruits for His Majesty's Forces or as volunteers for war work, or coming to this country in any other capacity.

I have, &c.,

WALTER H. LONG.

The Officer Administering the Government of
HONGKONG.

Extract from the *London Gazette* of the 26th July, 1918, No. 30815.

Defence of the Realm Regulations.

Order in Council dated 19th July, 1918.

5. After Regulation 14G the following regulation shall be inserted:—

“14H (1) A person not being a natural born British subject shall not for any purpose assume or use, or purport to assume or use, or continue after the nineteenth day of August, nineteen hundred and eighteen, the assumption or use of, any name other than that by which he was ordinarily known at the date of the commencement of the war, and if he does so, he shall be guilty of a summary offence against these regulations.

“(2) Where any such person as aforesaid carries on, or purports or continues to carry on, or is a member of a partnership or firm which carries on, or which purports or continues to carry on, any trade or business in any name other than that under which the trade or business was carried on at the date of the commencement of the war he shall for the purpose of this regulation be deemed to be using, or purporting or continuing to use, a name other than that by which he was ordinarily known at the date of the commencement of the war.

“(3) A Secretary of State may, if it appears desirable in any particular case, grant an exemption from the provisions of this regulation.

“(4) Nothing in this regulation shall—

- (a) affect the assumption or use, or continued assumption or use, of any name in pursuance of a Royal Licence; or
- (b) affect the continuance of the use, until the decision of the Secretary of State has been given, of a name in respect of which an application for exemption is made before the nineteenth day of August, nineteen hundred and eighteen; or
- (c) prevent the assumption or use by a married woman of her husband's name.”

Extract from the *London Gazette* of the 6th August, 1918, No. 30831.

Defence of the Realm Regulations.

Order in Council dated 2nd August, 1918.

3. Regulation 14H shall be amended by the insertion of the following words at the end of subsection (4) thereof:—

“or

- (d) apply to any woman who, having been born a British subject but having become an alien by marriage, has been granted a certificate of naturalisation, or has before the tenth day of August, nineteen hundred and eighteen, been granted an exemption from the provisions of the Aliens Restriction Order relating to change of name by enemy aliens.”

PROCLAMATIONS.

No. 11.

[L.S.] CLAUD SEVERN,
Officer Administering the Government.

By His Excellency CLAUD SEVERN, Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, the Officer Administering the Government of the Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies :

Whereas by section 189 of the Army Act it is enacted that where the Governor of a Colony in which any of His Majesty's forces are serving declares at any time or times that by reason of the imminence of active service or of the recent existence of active service it is necessary for the public service that the forces in the Colony should be temporarily subject to the said Act as if they were on active service then on the publication in general orders of any such declaration the forces to which the declaration applies shall be deemed to be on active service for the period mentioned in the declaration so that the period mentioned in any one declaration do not exceed three months from the date thereof :

And Whereas by declaration made on the 5th day of August 1914 it was declared by Proclamation published in the *Government Gazette Extraordinary* dated the 5th day of August 1914 to be necessary for the public service that His Majesty's forces in the Colony be subject to the said Act for the period of three months from the date thereof as if they were on active service :