

## DESPATCHES FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

No. 490.

CIRCULAR.

DOWNING STREET,  
27th August, 1921.

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you that I have recently been in communication with the Army Council on the subject of the status of officers on retirement from the Colonial Volunteer Forces, and that His Majesty the KING has been pleased to approve of the privilege of wearing uniform, granted to ex-officers of Dominion Forces and Colonial Volunteers under local conditions, which is now effective only within local limits, being extended to cover the wearing of uniform on special occasions at home and elsewhere throughout His Majesty's dominions.

2. His Majesty has also been pleased to approve that the privilege of retaining rank by such officers should be extended to be effective throughout His Majesty's dominions.

3. These privileges will be limited to an officer who held a commission between the 5th of August, 1914, and the date of the termination of War—midnight of 31st August as notified to you in my telegram of 16th August.

4. Military officers in this country who have relinquished their commissions and who have been permitted to retain their rank, also officers who have been demobilised or disembodied, are permitted to wear uniform on special occasions when attending ceremonies and entertainments of a military nature, and on occasions when the wearing of uniform would appear appropriate, and this limitation should be observed in respect of officers of the Colonial Volunteer Forces who have relinquished their commissions and have been permitted to retain their rank under due authority by notification in the local *Gazette*.

5. The uniform should be restricted to service dress, and should be that of the unit or of the general list to which the officer belonged when he relinquished his commission or was demobilised. The badges of rank should be those of the rank he held when demobilised or that retained by him when he quitted the Service.

I have, &c.,

WINSTON S. CHURCHILL.

*The Officer Administering the Government of*  
HONGKONG.

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## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

No. 491.

*Regulation made by the Governor in Council under section 4 of the Stamp Ordinance, 1921, Ordinance No. 8 of 1921, on the 24th day of November, 1921.*

A coupon for interest on a marketable security as defined by the Stamp Ordinance, 1921, being one of a set of coupons whether issued with the security or subsequently issued in a sheet, shall not be chargeable with any stamp duty.

S. B. B. McELDERRY,  
*Clerk of Councils.*

COUNCIL CHAMBER,  
24th November, 1921.