

Royal Licence and Permission to be void and of none effect.

And to command that the said Royal Concession and Declaration be recorded in His Majesty's said College of Arms.

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*Downing Street,
11th February, 1919.*

The KING has been pleased to appoint Major Harold Godfrey St. George Morgan, R.M.A., and John Joseph Phillips, Esq., to be members of the Executive Council of the Island of Saint Helena.

*Downing Street,
20th May, 1919.*

The KING has been pleased to appoint General Sir Herbert Charles Onslow Plumer, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Island of Malta and its Dependencies.

*Downing Street,
22nd May, 1919.*

The KING has been pleased to give directions for the appointment of James Elliott Sprott, Esq., to be an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council of the Island of St. Vincent.

*Board of Trade,
Whitehall Gardens,
23rd May, 1919.*

The Board of Trade have appointed Mr. Arthur Harold Ward to be Official Receiver for the Bankruptcy Districts of the County Courts holden at Exeter, Barnstaple and Taunton, as from the 2nd June, 1919, vice Mr. Arthur Edward Ward, resigned.

*Board of Trade,
Whitehall Gardens,
23rd May, 1919.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to make a posthumous award of the Decoration of the Albert Medal in recognition of the gallantry of Hugh Brown, Boatswain of the steamship "Orissa," of Liverpool.

On the 25th June, 1918, the ship was torpedoed and sunk in the North Atlantic Ocean, six lives being lost.

The explosion took place about twenty feet from the store-room, where some members of the crew, including Brown and his son, who was the Steward's Boy, were receiving their tobacco issue. The store-room was immediately flooded, but the Boatswain and his son were able to fight their way to the stairway leading to the weather deck, the bottom stairs of which were blown away.

The boy managed to reach the weather deck, but Brown then heard the Storekeeper, who was still in the flooded store-room, calling for help. As soon, therefore, as he had been assured of his son's safety, Brown wished the lad farewell, and, though he could probably

have saved himself together with his son, turned back in the hope of assisting the Storekeeper. The water was continually rising, and Brown must have been aware that he had very little chance of being able to win his way to the deck a second time.

The ship sank not long after, and neither the Boatswain nor the Storekeeper was seen again.

*Ministry of Munitions of War,
Whitehall Place, S.W. 1,
23rd May, 1919.*

ORDER.

THE FLAX (IRISH CROP) ORDER, 1919.

Whereas the Board of Trade have requested the Minister of Munitions to exercise on behalf of the Board of Trade certain powers in respect of Flax:

Now therefore the Minister of Munitions, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by the Defence of the Realm Regulations and all other powers thereunto enabling him, hereby gives notice and orders as follows:—

(1) He hereby takes possession on behalf of the Board of Trade as from the 1st July, 1919, of all Flax of 1919 crop grown in Ireland as and when harvested.

(2) The Flax of which possession is hereby taken under paragraph 1 will be divided under the direction of the Board of Trade into six grades according to its quality, handling and cleaning, and the following prices will be paid therefor:—

First Grade, 35s. per stone, delivered at the appointed Centre.

Second Grade, 33s. per stone, delivered at the appointed Centre.

Third Grade, 31s. per stone, delivered at the appointed Centre.

Fourth Grade, 29s. per stone, delivered at the appointed Centre.

Fifth Grade, 27s. per stone, delivered at the appointed Centre.

Sixth Grade, 25s. per stone, delivered at the appointed Centre.

Flax which is inferior in quality to that of the sixth grade hereinbefore mentioned will be taken over and paid for according to its relative value.

(3) All Flax of the 1918 crop, or previous years, grown in the United Kingdom will be graded and paid for on behalf of the Board of Trade in terms of the Flax (Irish Crop) Order, 1918, until 31st August, 1919.

(4) All Flax except that otherwise provided for in Clause 5 hereof, grown in 1918 or previous years, which is offered for sale on or after 1st September, 1919, will be graded and paid for in terms of Clause 2 hereof.

(5) Flax proved to the satisfaction of the Administrator of the Board of Trade, Flax Supplies Committee, Whitehall Buildings, Ann Street, Belfast, to have been grown in 1918, and to have had the Seed thereof saved, or to have been dew-retted during the summer of 1919, in such time as would not permit of its being offered for sale before the 31st August, 1919, provided such delay in dew-retting was due to circumstances not within the control of the owner of such Flax, may be paid for in the terms of the Flax (Irish Crop) Order, 1918, until 31st December, 1919.

(6) Non-compliance with any part of this