War Office,

14th April 1917.

ARMY COUNCIL ORDER.

Socks, Worsted, Stocks.

In pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by the Defence of the Realm Regulations, and every other power enabling them in that behalf, the Army Council hereby give notice that it is their intention to take possession, between the fourth day of April 1917, and the thirtieth day of April 1917, of all stocks of

Socks suitable for Military requirements.

And the Army Council hereby require all holders of stocks of Socks of the description aforesaid to furnish such particulars as to their business as may be required, by or on behalf of

the Director of Army Contracts.

If after this notice any person having control of any such stocks, sells, removes or secretes the same, or any part thereof, or deals with them in any way contrary to any conditions imposed in any licence issued by, or on behalf of, the Director of Army Contracts, without the consent of the Army Council, he shall be guilty of an offence against the said Regulations.

By Order of the Army Council,

R. H. Brade.

War Office, 18th April 1917.

ARMY COUNCIL ORDER.

MANILLA HEMP AND MAGUEY FIBRE.

In pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by the Defence of the Realm Regulations, the Army Council do hereby Order as follows :-

- 1. No person shall, without a permit, issued by or on behalf of the Director of Army Contracts, make or take delivery of or payment for any Manilla Hemp or Maguey Fibre in pursuance of any contract entered into at any time subsequent to the 2nd day of April 1917.
- 2. No person shall, without a permit issued by or on behalf of the Director of Army Contracts, purchase or cause to be purchased for sale or manufacture in Europe any Manilla Hemp or Maguey Fibre.

By Order of the Army Council.

R. H. Brade.

War Office,

18th April 1917.

ARMY COUNCIL ORDER.

LEATHER LACES.

In pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by the Defence of the Realm Regulations, the Army Council hereby require the respective occupiers of the Factories and/or Workshops specified in the Schedule hereto annexed, to place at their disposal from the date hereof until further notice such part of the output of Leather

Laces which is capable of being produced at the said Factories and/or Workshops as may be notified to the said occupiers, by or on behalf of the Director of Army Contracts, and to make and deliver the same as may be directed by him or on his behalf.

And the Army Council hereby require the said occupiers to furnish such particulars as to their business as may be required by or on behalf of the Director of Army Contracts.

By Order of the Army Council,

R. H. Brade.

Schedule to Army Council Order. Dated 18th April 1917.

LEATHER LACES.

C. H. Averill, Balsall Heath, Birmingham. E. B. Balmforth, 4 Meanwood Road, Leeds. Bland and Co., Park Works, Hare Park, Liversedge, Yorks.

City Leather Co., City Road Mills, Derby.

- T. Dawbarn and Co., 73 Bernmondsey Street,
- D. Cox and Sons, Atlas Leather Works, Aylestone Park, Leicester.

Frank Fox, Horton Kirby, near Dartford, Kent. Foxton Brothers and Co., Town Street Mills, Armley, Leeds.

Moses Gaunt, Springwell Tannery, Armley, Leeds.

E. Greaves and Sons, 19 Gilbert Street, Park, Sheffield.

Hunt and Co., Progress Works, Hart Street, Southport.

Kay and Wilkinson Ltd., Paradise Leather

Works, Bury. North British Boot Lace Co., Napier Mill, Johnstone, N.B.

H. Partington and Co., Liversedge, Yorks.

William Paton and Co., Johnstone Mills, Johnstone, N.B.

G. Thompson, Cleavedon Road, Balsall Heath, Birmingham.

JOINT ORDER BY THE ADMIRALTY AND ARMY COUNCIL.

FLAX, HEMP AND JUTE GOODS:

PRIORITY FOR GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

In pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by the Defence of the Realm Regulations, the Admiralty and the Army Council hereby require that from the date of this Order and until further notice, in all factories, workshops, and other premises, the business carried on in which consists wholly or partly in the manufacture of Flax, Hemp, or Jute goods, work shall be done in accordance with the following directions, that is

- (a) Priority over all other work shall be given to any work which is either directly or indirectly required for the purpose of any Government Order or Contract:
- (b) Any directions that may be given for the purposes of this Order by the Director of Navy Contracts as to work for Naval purposes or by the Director of Army Contracts as to any other work whatsoever, shall be strictly complied with by the owners or occu-