the said United Kingdom upon Alfred Herbert Dixon, of Warford, in the county of Chester, Esquire, and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten.

Whitehall, June 26, 1918.

The KING has been pleased, by Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, bearing date the 25th instant, to appoint the Honourable William Watson, K.C., to be a Member of the Defence of the Realm Losses Commission in the room of the Right Honourable Edward Shortt, who resigned on his appointment as Chief Secretary for Ireland.

Whitehall, June 26, 1918.

The KING was pleased, on the 1st instant, at Buckingham Palace, to confer the honour of Knighthood upon Alfred Washington Guest Ranger, Esq., M.A., D.C.L.

Whitehall, June 28, 1918.

The KING has been pleased, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, bearing date the 25th April 1918, to appoint the Reverend Arthur Cayley Headlam, D.D., to the Office and Place of Regius Professor of Divinity in the University of Oxford, together with the Place and Dignity of a Canon of the Cathedral Church of Christ in the said University thereunto annexed, void by the death of Doctor Henry Scott Holland.

DEFENCE OF THE REALM REGULATION No. 24.

ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

In virtue of the powers conferred on me by Regulation 24 of the Defence of the Realm Regulations, which relates to the transmission otherwise than through the post, or conveyance, to or from the United Kingdom, of any letter, written message, memorandum, printed or written matter (including plans, photographs and other pictorial representations),

I hereby exempt from the provisions of the Regulation :

(1) Any document conveyed in a sealed bag for or on behalf of the British Foreign Office or any British or Foreign Embassy or Legation :

(2) Any letter, message or memorandum or any printed or written matter (including plans, photographs and other pictorial representations) conveyed for or on behalf of any Government Department or the Government of any of His Majesty's Dominions or the Government of any Allied State by an accredited representative ;

(3) Any shipping document from a shipping company or business firm, provided that such document

(*a*) either relates to the cargo or charter of the vessel in which it is conveyed, or contains information pertaining to the shipping business of the company or firm to which the vessel belongs or by which it is chartered of such a kind that its conveyance abroad, and delivery to the company's or firm's representative, is indispensable to the proper conduct of such business ;

(*b*) is placed for conveyance in the ship's box ; and

(*c*) is handed over on demand in an open cover for inspection to any competent naval or military authority or to any person authorised by him, or to any Aliens Officer or Officer of Police, unless it can be shown that it has already been examined and passed by an Officer of the Postal Censorship,

The Order made by the Secretary of State on the 3rd September 1917 is hereby revoked.

WALTER H. LONG,
One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Whitehall,
27th June 1918.

Ministry of Munitions of War,
28th June 1918.

ORDER.

MODIFICATION OF MAXIMUM PRICES OF LEAD.

Whereas the Minister of Munitions is desirous of modifying the maximum prices of certain classes of lead specified in the schedule to the Lead Order, 1917, now the Minister of Munitions, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by the Defence of the Realm Regulations and all other powers enabling him, hereby gives notice and orders as follows :—

1. As from the date hereof, and until further notice, the Lead Order, 1917, shall take effect as if in the schedule thereto opposite to the respective classes of lead set out in the first column following the figures set out in the second column following were substituted for the figures set out in the third column following :—

Class of Lead.	New Figures.			Original Figures,		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sheet Lead	41	0	0	39	10	0
Lead Pipe	41	10	0	40	0	0
Dry White Lead ..	51	0	0	46	0	0
White Lead in Oil ..	58	0	0	53	0	0
White Lead in Oil ..	60	0	0	55	0	0
Red Lead and Litharge	45	0	0	42	0	0

2. This Order may be cited as the Lead (Amendment) Order, 1918.

Ministry of Munitions of War,
Whitehall Palace, S.W. 1.
28th June 1918.

ORDER.

GAS WORKS.

The Minister of Munitions, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by regulation 8G of the Defence of the Realm Regulations, and of all other powers enabling him, hereby orders as follows :—