

RUSSIAN REGULATIONS AS TO NAVAL PRIZES, &c.

ORDER TO THE NAVAL AUTHORITIES.

St. Petersburg, July 14, 1895, No. 112.

His Majesty the Emperor was pleased to confirm, on the 27th March of the current year, "*Regulations in regard to Naval Prizes.*"

I communicate to the naval authorities, for their guidance, these Regulations, together with the Decree of the Directing Senate, dated the 18th May, No. 5406.

(Signed) General-Admiral ALEXEI,
In the Office of the Ministry of Marine.

(No. 5406.)

Decree of His Imperial Majesty the Autocrat of All the Russias, from the Directing Senate to the Director of the Ministry of Marine.

By order of His Imperial Majesty, we, the Directing Senate, have heard the report of the Director of the Ministry of Marine, dated the 2nd May, 1895, No. 292, to which he appends copy of the Regulations in regard to Naval Prizes confirmed by His Imperial Majesty on the 27th March, 1895. We order the above-mentioned copy to be printed in the usual manner. Notice of this is to be given to the office of the Printing Department of the Senate, and the Director of the Ministry of Marine is to be informed by Decree. 18th May, 1895.

(On the original of the following Regulations the words "Proceed accordingly" appear in His Imperial Majesty's hand. Tsarskoye Selo, March 27, 1895.)

REGULATIONS IN REGARD TO NAVAL PRIZES.

General Regulations.

1. The provisions of these Regulations are applicable in all cases for which, in matters relating to naval prizes, special rules are not laid down by Conventions between Russia and other nations.

Observation.—Special rules are in force in regard to the seizure of the property of an enemy on shore or from the shore.

2. In exact accordance with the Declaration of Paris of the 4th (16th) April, 1856,* the following rules are to be observed in applying these Regulations:—

- (1.) Letters of marque are not to be issued to private persons;
- (2.) A neutral flag covers an enemy's goods, with the exception of contraband of war;

* The actual text of the Declaration of Paris as signed in French is as follows:—

"1. La course est et demeure abolie;

"2. Le pavillon neutre couvre la marchandise, à l'exception de la contrebande de guerre;

"3. Le marchandise neutre, à l'exception de la contrebande de guerre, n'est pas saisissable sous pavillon ennemi;

"4. Les blocus, pour être obligatoires, doivent être effectifs, c'est-à-dire, maintenus par une force suffisante pour interdire réellement l'accès du littoral de l'ennemi."