

Privy Council Office, 7th August, 1914.

This day, in the presence of the Lord President of the Council, the Right Honourable Auberon Thomas, Lord Lucas and Dingwall, was sworn President of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, and the Right Honourable Alfred, Lord Emmott, G.C.M.G., was sworn First Commissioner of Works and Public Buildings.

Almeric FitzRoy.

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PRIZE COURTS ACT, 1894.

Notice is hereby given that, after the expiration of forty days from the date hereof, it is proposed to submit to His Majesty in Council the draft of an Order in Council approving new Rules of Court for regulating Prize Proceedings.

By Order in Council of the 6th August, 1914, the said Rules were approved as *provisional* Rules under section 2 of the Rules Publication Act, 1893.

Notice is hereby further given that, in accordance with the provisions of the last-named Act, copies of the proposed Rules can be obtained by any public body, within forty days of the date of this notice, at the Privy Council Office, Whitehall.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 5th day of *August*, 1914.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS a state of war exists between this Country and the German Empire, so that His Majesty's fleets and ships may lawfully seize all-ships, vessels, and goods belonging to the German Empire, or the citizens and subjects thereof, or other persons inhabiting within any of the countries, territories, or dominions of the said German Empire, and bring the same to judgment in such Courts of Admiralty within His Majesty's Dominions, Possessions, or Colonies as shall be duly commissioned to take cognizance thereof.

His Majesty is therefore pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, that a Commission in the form of the draft annexed hereto shall issue under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom authorizing the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral to will and require His Majesty's High Court of Justice and the Judges thereof to take cognizance of and judicially proceed upon all and all manner of captures, seizures, prizes, and reprisals of all ships, vessels, and goods that are or shall be taken, and to hear and determine the same; and according to the course of Admiralty and the Law of Nations, and the Statutes, Rules, and Regulations for the time being in force in

that behalf, to adjudge and condemn all such ships, vessels, and goods as shall belong to the German Empire, or the citizens or subjects thereof, or to any other persons inhabiting within any of the countries, territories, or dominions of the said German Empire.

Almeric FitzRoy.

GEORGE THE FIFTH, by the grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, to Our right trusty and well-beloved Right Honourable Winston Leonard Spencer-Churchill, M.P., Admiral H.S.H. Prince Louis Alexander of Battenberg, G.C.B., G.C.V.O., K.C.M.G., A.D.C., Vice-Admiral Sir Frederick Tower Hamilton, K.C.B., C.V.O., Rear-Admiral Archibald Gordon Henry Wilson Moore, C.V.O., C.B., Captain Cecil Foley Lambert, R.N., The Right Honourable George Lambert, M.P., and the Right Honourable Sir Francis John Stephens Hopwood, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., Our Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and the Dominions thereunto belonging, and to Our Commissioners for executing that Office for the time being, Greeting:

WHEREAS a state of war exists between this Country and the German Empire, so that Our fleets and ships may lawfully seize all ships, vessels and goods belonging to the German Empire or the citizens and subjects thereof or other persons inhabiting within any of the countries, territories, or dominions of the said German Empire and bring the same to judgment in such Courts of Admiralty within Our Dominions, Possessions, or Colonies as shall be duly commissioned to take cognizance thereof.

These are therefore to authorize, and We do hereby authorize and enjoin you, Our said Commissioners, now and for the time being, or any two or more of you, to will and require Our High Court of Justice and the Judges thereof, and the said High Court and the Judges thereof are hereby authorized and required to take cognizance of and judicially to proceed upon all and all manner of captures, seizures, prizes, and reprisals of all ships, vessels, and goods already seized and taken, and which hereafter shall be seized and taken, and to hear and determine the same, and according to the course of Admiralty and the Law of Nations, and the Statutes, Rules, and Regulations for the time being in force in that behalf, to adjudge and condemn all such ships, vessels, and goods as shall belong to the German Empire or to the citizens or subjects thereof or to any other persons inhabiting within any of the countries, territories, or dominions of the said German Empire.

In witness whereof We have caused the Great Seal of the United Kingdom to be put and affixed to these presents.

Given at Our Court at *Buckingham Palace*, this sixth day of August, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and fourteen, and in the Fifth year of Our Reign.

(L. S.)