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FRIDAY, 2 OCTOBER, 1914.

By THE KING.

A PROCLAMATION

VARYING THE PROCLAMATIONS IN RESPECT OF THE POSTPONEMENT OF PAYMENTS, DATED RESPECTIVELY THE 2ND AUGUST, 6TH AUGUST, 12TH AUGUST, AND 3RD SEPTEMBER, 1914.

GEORGE R.I.

WHEREAS under the Postponement of Payments Act, 1914, We have power by Proclamation to authorise the postponement of the payment of any bill of exchange or of any negotiable instrument or any other payment in pursuance of any contract to such extent and for such time and subject to such conditions or other provisions as may be specified in the Proclamation:

AND WHEREAS in pursuance of that power We have issued Proclamations in relation to the postponement of payments due before We were in a state of war or due in respect of contracts made before that time, dated the sixth day of August, the twelfth day of August, and the third day of September, nineteen hundred and fourteen (which are respectively referred

to in this Proclamation as the first, second, and third General Proclamation), and on the second day of August, nineteen hundred and fourteen, We also issued a Proclamation which is confirmed by the said Postponement of Payments Act, 1914, and is deemed to have been issued under that Act and is referred to in this Proclamation as the Bills (Re-acceptance) Proclamation:

AND WHEREAS under the Postponement of Payments Act, 1914, We have power to vary, extend or revoke any Proclamation under that Act by a subsequent Proclamation:

AND WHEREAS it is desirable in the best interests of Our Realm at the present juncture that all persons who can discharge their liabilities should do so without delay, but it is at the same time expedient for the benefit of persons who cannot so discharge their liabilities that a further limited and final extension of the postponement of payments authorised by the said Proclamations should be made:

Now, THEREFORE, We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, to issue this Our Royal Proclamation, and We do hereby proclaim direct and ordain as follows:—

1. The first General Proclamation as ex-