At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 27th day of May, 1915.

PRESENT.

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

IIS MAJESTY having been pleased to appoint the Right Honourable Sir John Allsebrook Simon, K.C.V.O., K.C., M.P., the Right Honourable Andrew Bonar Law, and the Right Honourable Joseph Austen Chamberlain, three of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, they were, this day, by His Majesty's Command, sworn His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State accordingly.

Almeric FitzRoy.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 27th day of May, 1915.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

THIS day the Right Honourable Reginald McKenna, M.P., was, by His Majesty's Command, sworn Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Almeric FitzRoy.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 27th day of May, 1915.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

THIS day the Right Honourable Arthur James Balfour was, by His Majesty's Command, sworn First Lord of the Admiralty.

Almeric FitzRoy.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 27th day of May, 1915.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

IIS MAJESTY in Council was this day pleased to appoint the Right Honourable Walter Hume Long President of the Local Government Board, who was, by His Majesty's Command, sworn President of the Local Government Board accordingly.

Almeric FitzRoy.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 27th day of May, 1915.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

IIS MAJESTY in Council was this day pleased to appoint the Right Honourable William Waldegrave, Earl of Selborne, K.G., G.C.M.G., President of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Almeric FitzRoy.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 27th day of May, 1915.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

IIS MAJESTY in Council was this day pleased to appoint the Right Honourable Arthur Henderson President of the Board of Education.

Almeric FitzRoy.

BY THE KING.

A PROCLAMATION

MAKING CERTAIN FURTHER ADDITIONS TO AND AMENDMENTS IN THE LIST OF ARTICLES TO BE TREATED AS CONTRABAND OF WAR.

GEORGE R.I.

HEREAS on the twenty-third day of December, 1914, We did issue Our Royal Proclamation specifying the articles which it was Our intention to treat as contraband during the continuance of hostilities or until We did give further public notice; and

WHEREAS on the eleventh day of March, 1915, We did by Our Royal Proclamation of that date make certain additions to the list of articles to be treated as contraband of war; and

WHEREAS it is expedient to make certain further additions to and amendments in the said list:

Now, therefore, We do hereby declare, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, that during the continuance of the war, or until We do give further public notice, the following articles will be treated as absolute contraband in addition to those set out in Our Royal Proclamations aforementioned:—

Toluol, and mixtures of toluol, whether derived from coal-tar, petroleum, or any other source;

Lathes and other machines or machine-tools capable of being employed in the manufacture of munitions of war;

Maps and plans of any place within the territory of any belligerent, or within the area of military operations, on a scale of four miles to one inch or on any larger scale, and reproductions on any scale by photography or otherwise of such maps or plans

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And We do hereby further declare that item 4 of Schedule I of Our Royal Proclamation of the twenty-third day of December aforementioned shall be amended as from this date by the omission of the words "and all other metallic acetates" after the words "calcium acetate."

And We do hereby further declare that in Our Royal Proclamation of the eleventh day of March aforementioned the words "other than linseed oil" shall be deleted and that the following article will as from this date be treated as conditional contraband:—

Linseed oil.

Given at Our Court at Buckingham Palace, this Twenty-seventh day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, and in the Sixth year of Our Reign.

GOD SAVE THE KING.