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BY THE KING.

A PROCLAMATION

UNDER THE MUNITIONS OF WAR ACT, 1915.

GEORGE R.I.

WHEREAS in Section 3 of the Munitions of War Act, 1915, it is enacted:—

“The differences to which this Part of this Act applies are differences as to rates of wages, hours of work, or otherwise as to terms or conditions of or affecting employment on the manufacture or repair of arms, ammunition, ships, vehicles, aircraft, or any other articles required for use in war, or of the metals, machines, or tools required for that manufacture or repair (in this Act referred to as munitions work); and also any differences as to rates of wages, hours of work, or otherwise as to terms or conditions of or affecting employment on any other work of any description, if this Part of this Act is applied to such a difference by His Majesty by Proclamation on the ground that in the opinion of His Majesty the existence or continuance of the difference is directly or indirectly prejudicial to the manufacture, transport, or supply of Munitions of War.

“This Part of this Act may be so applied to such a difference at any time, whether a

lock-out or strike is in existence in connexion with the difference to which it is applied or not:

“Provided that if in the case of any industry the Minister of Munitions is satisfied that effective means exist to secure the settlement without stoppage of any difference arising on work other than on munitions work, no Proclamation shall be made under this Section with respect to any such difference.”

AND WHEREAS a difference within the meaning of this Section exists between employers and persons employed in the Coal Mining Industry of South Wales as to rates of wages, hours of work or otherwise as to terms or conditions of or affecting employment in connexion with the terms of a proposed agreement between the Monmouthshire and South Wales Coal Owners' Association and the South Wales Miners' Federation, for the settlement of differences of the nature aforesaid:

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Munitions is not satisfied that effective means exist to secure the settlement of the said difference without stoppage, being a difference arising on work other than munitions work:

AND WHEREAS in Our opinion the existence or continuance of the said difference is directly and indirectly prejudicial to the manufacture, transport, and supply of Munitions of War:

Now, THEREFORE, We, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, are pleased to proclaim, direct and ordain, that Part I. of the