

and We do hereby proclaim, direct and ordain as follows:—

1. Where any person brings gold bullion to any of the Branch Mints established under the above-recited Proclamations, the Deputy Master of that branch may, during the continuance of the present war and a period of one year thereafter, instead of delivering out coin to that person as provided by Article 5 in each of the said Proclamations, make payment for the bullion to that person in such manner as may be provided by regulations made under proviso (d) of sub-section (i) of those Articles, and those Articles shall during that period have effect accordingly.

2. This Proclamation may be cited as the Australian Branch Mints Proclamation, 1916.

Given at Our Court at *Buckingham Palace*, this twenty-eighth day of *July*, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, and in the Seventh year of Our Reign.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 28th day of *July*, 1916.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Order in Council dated the twenty-eighth day of November, nineteen hundred and fourteen, His Majesty was pleased to make regulations (called the "Defence of the Realm (Consolidation) Regulations, 1914") under the Defence of the Realm Consolidation Act, 1914, for securing the public safety and the defence of the realm:

And whereas the said Act has been amended by the Defence of the Realm (Amendment) Act, 1915, the Defence of the Realm (Amendment) (No. 2) Act, 1915, and the Munitions of War Act, 1915:

And whereas the said regulations have been amended by various subsequent Orders in Council:

And whereas it is expedient further to amend the said regulations in manner hereinafter appearing:

Now, therefore, His Majesty is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, that the following amendments be made in the said regulations:

1. After regulation 9b the following regulation shall be inserted:—

"9c. Where it appears to His Majesty that the keeping as a bank holiday or a public holiday of any day appointed to be so kept by the Bank Holidays Act, 1871 (as extended and amended by any other enactment), or by any Proclamation issued thereunder or under this regulation, would impede or delay the production, repair, or transport of war material, or of any work necessary for the successful prosecution of the war, it shall be lawful for His Majesty by Proclamation to declare that any such day shall not in any year be a bank holiday or a public holiday as respects the whole of the United Kingdom or any part thereof, and by that or any subsequent Proclamation to appoint such other day as to His Majesty in Council

may seem fit to be a bank holiday or a public holiday throughout or in any part of the United Kingdom instead thereof, and the Bank Holidays Act, 1871, and the enactments extending and amending that Act, shall have effect accordingly."

2. In regulation 27 the following paragraph shall be inserted after paragraph (c):—

"(d) Spread reports or make statements intended or likely to undermine public confidence in any bank or currency notes which are currency tender in the United Kingdom or any part thereof."

3. After regulation 30b the following regulation shall be inserted:—

"30c. A person shall not melt down, break up, or use otherwise than as currency any current gold coin, and if any person acts in contravention of this regulation he shall be guilty of a summary offence against these regulations."

4. After regulation 37A the following regulation shall be inserted:—

"37B (1) Every British ship of three thousand tons gross tonnage or upwards in respect of which a licence to instal wireless telegraph apparatus has been granted by the Postmaster General, and which puts to sea from a port in the United Kingdom after a date to be specified in such a licence, shall be provided with a wireless telegraph installation, and shall maintain a wireless telegraph service, and shall be provided with a certified operator, together with suitable accommodation for the apparatus and operator:

"Provided that where a licence has been granted in respect of a ship before the making of this regulation, this obligation shall apply as if the twenty-first day of August, nineteen hundred and sixteen, were the date specified in the licence.

"(2) Application to the Postmaster General in a form prescribed by him for such a licence shall, unless a licence has before the making of this regulation been granted in respect of the ship, be made—

(a) in the case of a ship of such tonnage as aforesaid, registered in the United Kingdom, by the owner thereof on or before the twenty-first day of August nineteen hundred and sixteen; and

(b) in the case of a British ship of such tonnage as aforesaid, registered elsewhere than in the United Kingdom, by the master of the ship within two days from the arrival of the ship in the United Kingdom next after the making of this regulation.

"(3) The Postmaster General shall, as and when wireless telegraph apparatus and the services of operators become available for the purpose, cause licences to be issued in respect of such ships as in the opinion of the Admiralty should in the national interests be fitted with such apparatus, and the licences shall specify the date as from which the carrying of such apparatus under this regulation is to be compulsory, the character of the apparatus, and the qualifications of the operator.

"(4) The Postmaster General may—

(a) extend the time mentioned in the licence as the time within which any apparatus is to be provided; and

(b) exempt any ship from the obligations imposed by this regulation.

"(5) If the provisions of this regulation or the terms of any licence granted thereunder are